Who are You? "Plain common man," professional man, artizan, mechanic, common laborer, hotel waiter, barber, coachman, cook, porter, stewart, head waiter, doctor, lawyer, merchant, farmer, minister or deacon? One question then: **Do You Take The Freeman?**

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BIRMINGHAM, ALA., NEWS.

Scathing Reflections—Educated Young Men who Live Aimless

Lives—Young Lady Graduates—Ministers Who Fail of their Full Duty—The Curse of Excursions.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.

The time has come for the Negro to stand upon his merit. Let us view many of the so-called educated young men and woman of our race and most especially in the South. There are hundreds of our young men who spend from three to seven years in our institutions of learning, and get their diplomas and there ends their highest aspirations. The next time you see him he is engaged in some hotel or restaurant. Now I do not want the reader to think that I look upon a waiter in a hotel or a restaurant with the least contempt at all, for all labor is honorable; but the chief reason your correspondent refers to the above class of young men is because any and all clear minded men and women and even a boy with a spoonful of common sense knows that it is waisting time, saying nothing of the money spent in from three to five and sometimes seven years in college to obtain an education to sling hash. Do such steps serve as an example for the coming generation. Why is it that the educated young Negro men do not concentrate themselves?. An educated man without employment is a dangerous machine and if he is not employed in some kind of honest labor, he easier becomes a foger of notes and finally ends in the coal mine or the penitentiary. What is true of the young educated idle Negro men is equally true of our educated young women. I know numbers of them whose mothers have rubbed the blood out of their knuckles to keep them in college and strange to say these young women or ladies (?) would return from the various institutions of learning to disgrace their mothers by honey-mooning with the opposite race or pushing a baby carriage up and down the streets while winking at the clerks in stores. Is it necessary? Is it wise? Is it common sense, to allow our daughters to spend from three to six years in seminaries and colleges preparing for the above named positions? And then many of these up stair-slippers consider that they are far too good for a hard laboring colored man.

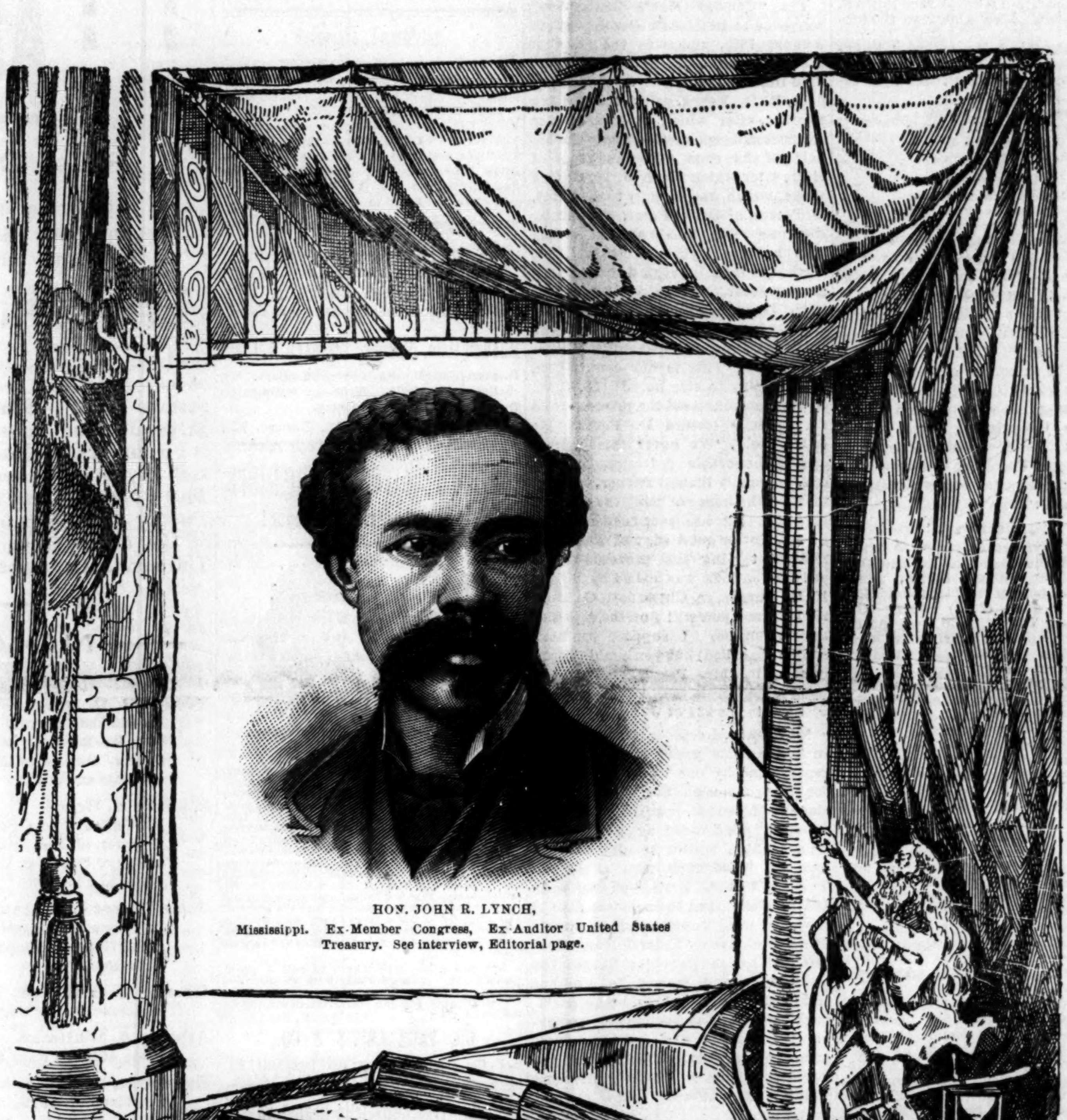
Strange and true many of our best colored men marry them while they are engaged in honey-mooning with the store clerks. Now somebody is responsible for the above state of affairs. The white man first compelled the Negro to submit to his brutal habits and thus came a strange people, the yellow Negro. The yellow Negro women were forced to cohabit with her young or old master from whence came the mulatto, All this took place during the days of slavery. Now these same men, white men, have been known to cohabit with their father's daughter, their Ethiopian sister. The days of slavery are past and no Negro women is compelled to stoop to such inhumane acts. As I have said above they fill their heads with college wisdom and come out to take a position as a baby manager or a custodian of a baby carriage, a man hunter, etc. When I see one of our girls walking along, I ask myself the question, what has she got behind her? Nothing! Nothing! She is exposed to the Jew, the Irish, and the Dutch, the Chinamen and even the old Dago, saying nothing of the Negro man to whom or to which race she is identified, O, it is appalling to think that such are the present surroundings of our brightest jewels. Is their not a remedy for the vice and evils referred to above. Why is it that the ministers of the gospel do not call the attention of the people to this vital subject now under consideration? To me it is obvious that there is quite a number of divines who do not care more for the general interest of the race than a hog does for a pair of stilts. There are quite a number of these men in and about Birmingham. They fail to be ministers in the true sense of the word. How our leading ministers can allow these damnable destructive things that are carrying our young men and women to eternal destrution and not say a word is a mystery to me. Bad men hunt bad men; prostitutes hunt prostitutes; gamblers fight for gamblers, but as a general rule, the Shepherds of Isarel do not stand together.

Excursions have done more toward daming the masses of Negroes than any thing I know of since the war, and many of the Negro ministers are at the head of them. Picture in your mind a young lady on an excursion train leaving a city at night, like the one which is to leave the city of Birmingham in a few days, going a distance of three or four hundred miles and a young dude by her side who is there for no other purpose than an oportunity to deface her character when she arrives in a distant city, and more than one half of the time, if he was disposed to protect her he could not for their are all classes of men and women on board. Some drunk, others swearing, some fighting. There the young lady sits exposed to brutish abuse, and treatment and unprotected. Finally the train reaches its destination and perhaps her company has wasted all of his money The fair damsel is far away from home amid temptation and hunger. At such a time the tempter comes to her and if she falls who is it that is responsible for this precious gem? Is it the young man or her parents or the ministers at the head of the church to which the young lady belongs who generally is at the head of the excursion? Who is it that is to give an account, and atone for the misfortune of such young women? Bear in mind that the above young lady is a gradute and the hats of every young man must be tipped in honor of her when she arrives back home' etc. If we would have virtuous daughters we must know where they are after sundown. Do you ever hear these things from the various pulpits? Answer no. Well why is it that we do not? Simply because we fail to have ministers in the true sense of the word. O, for the time to come when God's ministers will leave no stone unturned along this line. If there were a few more Ida B Wells and a few more Bishop H. M. Turners and a few more Negro journals like The Freeman, it would not be long before Ethiopia would, stretch forth her hand to God. I am for God, The Freeman, and the race.

M. H. DOUGHERTY,
Gen'l. Ag't. for the Freeman.

P. S.—Rev. J. B. Warner, the Demosthenes divine of Birmingham, says he would not be without the Freeman and he urges his congregation to take it. He has invited your correspondent to deliver a lecture touching upon the work of Miss Ida B. Wells and The Freeman. Negro ministers as a rule are too narrow contracted to imitate the above named divine. Call at Rev. J. B. Warners 4th avenue and get a copy of the great race paper The Freeman.

M. H. D.



HON. JOHN R. LYNCH,
Mississippi. Ex-Member Congress, Ex-Auditor United States Treasury. See interview, Editorial page.

Nourished by his Former Slave.

Helena, Ark., Special.

An old white man down the line of Texas and Louisiana was the father of a son whose mother was a colored slave owned by the father. In the year of '60 the lad was 15 years old and his father then sold him among the other slaves. Time rolled around until the lad is now taking care of his old white haired father. Miss Jennie L. Smith is dead. Her remains were taken to the country for interrment. Miss Viola Clark, of Marianа, was on the sick list last week. Sam Walker was wedded to Miss Florida Hogans by Rev. Ewing. M. A. Clark was re elected Grand Master of the Masons. Rev. M. Kline lost his niece, Lucinda Goodman, last week. The Union club gave another one of their picnics Aug. 30th, at Long Lake. The crowd was large and everybody seemed well pleased. Died, in the northern part of the city, Mrs. Geo. Walker. She had only been sick a few days when she died. Her funeral was largely attended from the Second Baptist church, Revs. Underwood, E. C. Morris, D. D., and S. D. Gibson, officiating. Washington Watson has returned from St. Louis looking well, He has taken a trip to Marvell to visit his sister.

"That once loved form, now cold and dead,
Each mournful thought employs:
We weep, our earthly comforts fled,
And withered all our joys."

A deep pall overspread our city when Chas. A. Anderson promulgated that he had received news from a friend of his, Mrs. Linny Motley, of Oklahoma, that her aunt, Julia B. Branch, of Minneapolis, was dead. The sad news struck deep in the hearts of Miss Julia's many friends that she had accumulated during her visit here in '88. She had just planned an autumn tour from Minneapolis, via. Milwaukee to Tennessee. Death loves a shining mark.

Mrs. C. M. Hall is sojourning in Memphis. Mrs. Alice Best left the city as a delegate to Little Rock to represent the S. M. T. Knights of Grand Templars, accompanied by J W. Robinson. T. McCrea was pleased to meet his brother, Sam Toby, whom he had not seen in thirty years. Mr. Toby is a heavy planter in Lonoke county. Shorter University, the A. M. E. College in Arkadelphia, will have a printing department, presided over by one of the best talented colored printers in the South. They intend to do all of their printing, such as books, jobs and issue a college journal, S. A. Wooten, (white), is having a commodous brick building erected, and the contract is let to a colored man, M. D. Smith, while Geo. Ormand has the carpenter work. There are about twenty men now at work on the building, and all colored. Walter Beard is on the sick list. D. W. Ellison, a teamster known as "Red," while in Lee county with one of the mules a few days ago, received a half dozen kicks from the beast, which came near killing him, but he is recovering. Miss Elenora Henderson spent some days in Clarendon in quest of a school. Mrs. Frank Epps and niece, Miss Lizzie, have left the city to return to Edwardville to make it their home. Rev. E. Brown, P. E., spent a few hours in the city. Miss Mary Morris has gone to make Searcy her home.

Social Flashes.

Ennis, Tex., Special.

Dr. A. L. McDonald, of Waxahachie, and former resident of this place, stopped over here on his return from the convention. R. Armstrong, Richard and Edward Apperson, of Waxahachie, were in town recently. Mr. Kissel is attending the State Republican convention this week. Mrs. Laura Hall is visiting in Corsicana this week. Dan Adams is on the sick list. Mrs. W. M. Lister is on the sick list. Rev. Reaf Battle returned from Winkler, Tex., last week. Rev. M. J. Brook left for Waxahachie, Tex., recently to join his family. Miss K. V. Devers returned from Powel, Tex., last week. Mrs. W. M McGuire returned this week from Corsicana, where she was the guest of her mother and father. Rev. M. D. Moody arrived in the city this week to visit his family. Miss Birver Biggins left last week for McKinney, Tex., to visit her friend, Mrs. L. B. Battle and D. G. Biggins left Tuesday morning to attend the Association at McKinney, Tex. Prof. C. M. Morris was in the city last week, the guest of his sister. Mesdames McCain and Battle, and Mrs. Adeline Moore, of Wichita Falls, are in the city this week, guests of their sister, Miss Angeline Richardson. Mrs. Ella McKee, of Dallas, Tex., is in the city this week visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Wheatley. Miss Julia Payne of Dallas, Tex., was in the city last week the guest of her uncle, B. McMerty. She returned home Monday morning accompanied by her cousin Jonnie. Rev. Mark Larkhart and family were in the city last Sunday, guests of his sister, Mrs. W. M. West.

Colored Concert Company.

Monmouth, Ill, Special.

A Colored Concert company from this city sang to a crowded house in Berwick last Friday night. The public schools opened last Monday with the average attendance of colored pupils. There are several bright youths in the high school whom we hope will graduate. Little Ruth, the daughter of Mrs. Mary E. King, died last Saturday morning. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. J. R. Clemons. Mr. Carter, an aged colored man, also died Saturday. Mrs. Harriet Murphy, who owned a valuable farm five miles south of town, has disposed of the same for a very moderate consideration. Mrs. Marcina Evans has returned from a pleasure trip to Clarksville, Tenn. Mrs. Mary Murphy was very ill last week, but is now convalescing. Miss Eva Humphrey has returned from Keokuk, Ia, where she has spent several weeks with her mother. Miss Jessie Skinner, a popular young lady of this city, will visit her uncle in Topeka, Kan., in a short while. Miss Mamie Williams has returned from St. Paul, Minn. Rev. Wm. Helms, of Bloomington, will conduct services at Second Baptist church Sunday. Mrs Maria Johnson, Misses Ella and Bessie Wallace went up to Rock Island last Sunday on the 4:50 train.

Every boy wants a watch. Have you a boy, encourage him early in life to invest his earnings wisely and judiciously. Encourage him to have a "Premier" watch.

WM. LLOYD GARRISON, JR.,

Enters His Protest Against Lynching.

Reported by Charles Alexander, Editor Monthly Review, Boston, Mass.

Last night (Aug. 29, 1894), at Fanuil Hall, Boston, was held one of the most interesting, telling and enthusiastic meetings that has been held in Boston for many years.

The true spirit of the Northern people was emphatically and eloquently expressed. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Colored National League and the purpose of it was to sanction and endorse the action of Miss Ida B Wells in her recently inaugurated movement among the English people. The meeting was called to order by E. E. Brown, Esq., who said in part:

"Ladies and gentlemen: We have come here this evening to consider a very important matter; a matter that concerns every citizen in this Republic. We come to consider the question, whether lynch law and anarchy shall rule our country, or whether law and order shall be regarded.

"We are American citizens by birth, habit and language; there has not been found more loyal and patriotic citizens in this land.

"During the recent strike at Chicago, Ill., President Cleveland showed that he had the power to protect freight cars in the yards of railroad companies. We want to know why he has not the power to protect human lives in the South. We demand that the Federal government shall protect its citizens."

After Mr. Brown's address, Secretary Morgan read a set of resolutions stating that 1,000 men, women and children have been killed in the United States during the last ten years, by scourging, by flaying or by burning at the stake, and that the regular state authorities in the South seem either powerless or else express their own willingness "to head the mob," as did the Governor of South Carolina. These resolutions were passed and copies sent to the President, Vice-President, Speaker, Massachusetts Senators and the highest state officials.

Speeches were made by Edwin G, Walker, William Lloyd Garrison, Thomas Riley, Bishop Tanner, of the A. M. E. church, Moncure D. Conway, Rev. A. A Miner, D. D, and others.

In opening the meeting, Mr. E. E. Brown stated that the colored people intended to do something besides talk in this matter. They proposed to organize societies all over the country. One Boston gentleman has expressed his willingness to subscribe $10,000 to employ the best lawyers and detectives in America to bring the lynchers to justice.

William Lloyd Garrison, who was vigorously cheered as "the illustrious son of an illustrious father," read a very scholarly paper, moderate in tone, yet discerning and severe in the treatment of the lynching evils. He sketched the situation, demanded that white men who outraged black women should be punished, and maintained that it was a fatuous hope to expect either political party to remedy the trouble. He said:

"If I were to advise the colored people of the South, exposed to those indignities, I would encourage independence in voting and discourage that solidity which preserves the color line in politics. When their vote is naturally divided as it should be in current questions, for color does not control men to think alike on tariffs or silver, or prohibition, the rival parties will seek their aid and guarantee the fair count now impossible to obtain. No external force can change prejudices, no congressional edict accomplish the desired result."

Bishop Tanner followed with a story of the ravages of "negrophobia," as he called it, and told the story of the Southern politician who asserted that "the first business of the Democratic party is to keep the niggers down."

Rev. A. A. Miner was boisterously received. He has probably never had a more cordial or unconventional welcome. The chairman called "three cheers for Miner!" And somebody under the balcony enquired tentatively then in quotation, "what's the matter with Miner?" The audience did not know of anything, so the venerable clergyman began his address.

He deplored the existence of lynching, but asserted that the North was also barbarous. When he had spoken for a few moments about lynching, he turned to other social evils. He congratulated the public on the downfall of Boss Tweed, expressed pleasure in the probability of the political death of Col. Breckinridge, said a good word for Dr. Parkhurst, questioned the sincerity of local reforms, and ended by drawing a lesson from Evadne, the heroine of "The Heavenly Twins.' In the course of his remarks the speaker said:

"The police of Boston have had a sudden spasm of virtue. They fastened on a sinner, but they could not hold him. But they promise that they have some bombshells to hurl when the Governor is re elected. We have had a shifting about of officers, as if their character would be benefitted by a change of location."

Mr. Moncure D. Conway was introduced as "an old line abolitionist and author." He made a very interesting address, telling of the work that Miss Ida B Wells has been doing the anti-lynching cause in New England. He said:

"Miss Wells, the daughter of a slave, is a young lady of education and refinement. Were Longfellow or Whittier alive they would frame her in poetry. The result of her visit was the formation of anti lynching committees, whose objects, quoted exactly, are: 'To obtain reliable information on the subject of lynching and mob outrages in America, to make the facts known and to give expression to public opinion in condemnation of such outrages in whatever way may best seem suited to assist the cause of humanity and civilization.'

"Among the members of this committee are such defenders of American rights as the Duke of Argyll, Jacob Bright, M. P., Justin McCarthy, M. P, Sir Joseph Pease, M. P The committee was founded in the house of Mr. Clayden, of the Daily News, an organ ever faitaful to American interest, and its treasurer is Passmore Edwards, of the Echo. Among the clergymen are such distinguished men as Wicksteed, Buting, Clifford, Shutterworth, Francis Channing, M. P., grand nephew of the great Boston preacher. There is a Hindu Member of Parliament, Dadabhai Naorji, from the land to which America sends missionaries; his name in the list reminds us that lynching is a barbarity unknown to countries called heathen, a product of regions calling themselves Christian."

B. Square's Bluster.

The doings of Penn and Quilldriver, Editors, Journalists and Champions of the People's Weal.

[The Freeman has purchased the exclusive right to publish this story from the Augustus M. Hodges' Literary Syndicate.]

CHAPTER III.

PENN AND QUILLDRIVER RISE AS RIVALS.

Brother Quilldriver boarded the North bound train and in due time reached that section of the country where the press is free and the ballot on the road to freedom.

Bro. Penn "he lay low" until the storm was over, when he came out in a card in "The Morning State Rights," disclaiming the authorship of the poem, and, we regret to say, also any knowledge of the same until he saw it in print. He concluded by saying:

"I do not believe in trying to stir up strife between our people and their white friends, because some black lawbreaker meets his just fate. Again, I do not believe that our people are educated up to the high requirement of the common voter, to say nothing of those of the law maker. We have, of course, a few exceptions amongst us.

"I have never written or said anything that would cause any bitter feeling between our benighted people and the white ladies and gentlemen of this town. Why, therefore, I ask, should I be driven away from the land I love on account of the mad act of another? May I not be permitted to return to my work as teacher among my people; may I not be allowed to instruct them through the columns of the Fog Horn to be honest and true; to give an honest day's work for an honest days pay; to be faithful and true to their white employers; to mind their own business; to turn a deaf ear to the deceptive voice of the carpet-bag politician, who only wants to use them as steps to reach positions of money. If permitted, this will be the future work of the Fog Horn."

Penn was permitted after showing the white plume to open up once more, and the National Afro-American Fog Horn began to blow, but not as of yore.

Quilldriver took]the subscribers' list with him when he leaped from the window, having chanced to have had it in his hand. When he got North he wrote to all the old patrons of the Fog Horn, and told the story of the outrage to hundreds of white friends North, who helped him start a new sheet, which he called the "National Afro-American Searchlight."

With a "Fog Horn" and a "Searchlight" to aid us, with facts and imagination as captain and 1st officer, we intend to steam up and down the columns of The Freeman every now and then for the benefit of its thousands of readers, making short stops at the ports of truth and romance. We shall also, kind reader, try to land you upon the shores of wit and humor (at our own docks in those ports), if wind, steam and tide permits, so get your tickets; 5 cents a trip or $1.50 for an excursion ticket good for one year. "Get on board little children, there's room for many more," Bros. Knox and Sweeney inform us.

CHAPTER IV.

SLINGING MUD.

"Let dogs delight to bark and bite,
For God has made them so,"
And politicians growl and fight,
It is their nature, too;
But editors should never let
Their angry passions rise,
Their mighty pens were never made
To scratch each other's I's.

The pathway of a new Afro-American journal is not covered with roses a foot deep; there are no electric lights along the road, and often the sun of heaven refuses to shine and the son of earth refuses to pay his subscription. Other barriers often found along the avenue are the stagnated pools of green covered jealousy, the outpourings of the new journal's "esteemed contemporaries," whose editors imagine (and we can't for the life of us tell why) that they have a title clear deed to all the brains and advance ideas in the race; that a new Afro-American journal has no rights that its sister sheets are bound to respect; that it must be driven from pillar to post until it dies a natural death or locked out of the star chamber of journalistic brotherhood and and murdered by a conspiracy of silence.

When the new journal has learned how to walk and has cut its eye teeth, the old ones commence to sling mud at it, and nine times out of ten, we regret to say, the new paper throws mud back.

Penn and Quilldriver were no exception to this well known rule, so when Quilldriver saw Penn's card in the Morning State Rights "he lay low" and waited with loaded pen in hand for an opportunity to get even.

At last the joyful news was received that the Fog Horn had been lost in the fog. Quilldriver, who was something of a poet, called up the historic Nine of yore and got off the following:

"OBITUARY NOTICE.

"Death does not always love a shining mark, for he sometimes shoots with unerring aim at some dark foul spot, some decayed egg, the production of a coward and liar.

"The public in general, and we in particular, hereby return old man Death a vote of thanks for removing from the journalistic world the imposter who masked under the name of the National Fog Horn, when the dirty sheet's rightful name was the 'Local Crawfish.' The Fog Horn ceased to live when we left Z—, and from its ashes, phenix-like, rose the only national and fearless race journal, the National Afro-American Searchlight.

"Yes, the fraud, the tool of a knave and traitor to his race, is gone, like year before last's snow, never to return.

Put away its little trumpet
Lay its mighty (!!) pen aside,
Take it out to sea and dump it
In oblivion's swelling tide.

Gone is all its brag and bluster,
All its hopes, alas have fled;
Gone—but then we cannot muster
Courage to defame the dead.
Subscribe to the National Searchlight."

The National Afro-American Fog Horn was not dead, but simply sleeping while its editor was working as a claim agent for a soldier who was trying to get $9,000 in return for a leg he left upon one of Uncle Sam's battle fields. The ex-soldier got the money and Penn got $1,000 of it and induced the man to go in with him and open a first-class job printing office, which proved to be a paying investment. The National Fog Horn came out in a new full dress spring suit with this announcement:

"A LIE NAILED!

"A few days ago as we were walking down the street we noticed protruding from an ash barrel, where some wise person had thrown it, a half of a news (?!?!) paper. Our boots being full of mud, we pulled the sheet out and started to clean them, when our attention was arrested by an article about the Fog Horn. We turned the sheet over and found it to be lyingly called "The National Searchlight." It contained a supposed-to-be death notice of the Fog Horn, written by a—well, we were about to say, dirty skunk of a cur, but we will not say so out of respect to the lower order of animals, who would have just cause to feel insulted if we did.

"The lie was written in that same strain as the article which aroused the just indignation of the best citizens of both races a year or two ago and caused old Quilldriver to leave town between two days. Hiding behind some white man's table as a waiter, in the North, he sends out a half-penny sheet, a cross between a bill of fare and a race track programme.

"We did not use the slime covered piece of paper to clean our boots for fear it would pollute them, but notified the board of health to have the garbage barrel disinfected. The National Afro-American Fog Horn is not dead, never was and never will be. It stands again at the head of the race journals from which place Quilldriver tried to throw it a year or so ago by his foul rot. It will live on and on for ages hence to guide the steps of generations yet unborn, and fight the battle of our suffering people.

"No brainless fool who would insult members of his own race through the papers because they were dark hued, or cast the stones of reproach at every Afro-American lady who repulsed his ungentlemanly advances; no fire-eater who would try to fan the fast-dying spark of race hatred into a flame; no soulless dog who would leave a wife and three children in the state of —— to come to Z— to palm himself off as single, or no outcast of both races who is trying to steal in the Anglo-American camp in the North, can ever push the Fog Horn from the firm rock upon which it has just been placed by the subscribers.

"PENN & CASH."

Editor Penn sent a marked copy to Editor Quilldriver, and the following issue of the National Searchlight contained this leader:

"WE HAVE NO TIME!

"We are the servants of the colored people of these United States and as such have duly sworn to advocate our people's weal. We therefore have no time to notice the yelpings of a scurvy covered hound, as we know that a barking cur never has the pluck to bite. We have no time to inform our many readers that this liar, Penn, never was in the war; that he stole that Grand Army button he wears from the dead body of our late comrade, A. Freefight, who, it will be remembered, died a few years ago, after drawing his pension under circumstances which, if investigated, would cause one of the members of the firm of Penn & Cash to fold his tent and steal silently out of Z—. We have no time to inform our friends in Z— that he was not born in their state or no where else in the South; that he is an 'old issue' born in the North, who delights in private to poke fun at the 'ignorant contrabands,' as he is pleased to term those of us who were liberated by our sainted president, Abraham Lincoln. We have no time to tell the few readers of the consumptive 'Local Crawfish,' alias National Fog Horn, that this snake is wanted in X— to finish out a contract with this state to make shoes. We have no time to speak of the nameless crime which was the cause of this state giving him the seven years' job as a shoemaker. We have higher aims in view, we are the people's advocate and cannot loose sight of our client's interests to notice less than nothing. Experience has taught us that the best way to treat such fellows is with silent contempt, so we will say nothing, for

What is the use of repining,
Where there's a pig, there's a Penn,
You may scrub till the place is all shining,
'Twill soon be all dirty again.

What is the use of refuting
A liar who every one knows?
What's to be gained by disputing
That carrion's not healthful for crows?"

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Thus ends, gentle reader, part 1 of the doings of Penn and Quilldriver. "The picture is overdrawn," do you say? W-e-l-l, perhaps it is, yet we know a man who knows a man, whose wife's second cousin's sister-in-law's half brother is a colored editor and he says it is all "true facts," and we guess he knows his business, if he does not or at least thinks he does not, he's a funny colored editor. That's all we have to say for the present.

B. SQUARE.

Bishop Turner Reflected Upon.

Tunis, Tex., Special.

The "Colored Men's Conference" convened at Bethlehem Baptist church August 18th, and was the grandest that has ever been witnessed of the kind in Burleson county. The President, R. D. Evans, called the meeting to order, after which he ascended the rostrum and spoke eloquently in behalf of the sons and daughters of Ham, after which Prof. J. W. Clifton spoke, which was directly to the point. D. Porter, of Cooks Point, was among the guests, and in his address seemed that he was trying to take Bishop Turner to task in regard to his immigration ideas. These are his words: "Dr. Immigration is still agitating the minds of our people to return to that dark and benighted and uncivilized country. This is our country and we are going to stay here." G. R. W. Allen then addressed the president and set his sails toward D. Porter. He (Allen) said, "We never came here to cast dishonorable reflections on any one, especially Bishop Turner, who has merited the honor of being the greatest race man that has ever been known." So Mr. Porter get a copy of The Freeman containing the proceeds of the convention that was called by Bishop H. M. Turner, in Cincinnati, O., Nov. 28, 1893, and you will find the object of the convention. I suppose you have read it (so called) but you couldn't pronounce it. Mr. Porter please recall your mind a little so as to remember Stone City the 22d of June, 1894.

Mr. Editor, I could not hold my pen in hearing this great man being misrepresented by one who cares neither for the progression nor the retrogression of his race, and such fellows should be condemned against the public as being a traitor to his race. Oh had we more such men as Bishop Turner; had we more such women as Ida B. Wells, then the problem, should there be any, would soon be solved. The above named "Colored Man's Conference" has as its object to raise the young men and women to a higher standard of life, and to build parks, organize a band and commence a newspaper. Come in and help us, as we want the unanimous action of the Afro-Americans in this vicinity and county. May success follow our undertaking.

Eulogistic of The Author of "Maid and Mistress."

EDITOR FREEMAN:

I have just finished reading that great, grand and instructive story, "Maid and Mistress," by the invincible writer, Augustus M. Hodges, "B. Square," published continuously in the race's greatest journal, The Freeman. I only need to add that Mr. Hodges is a gifted quill driver and an unquestionable credit to our race. Of course, Mr. Hodges may expect some unjust and severe criticisms from members of the race (for we have a few critics in Kansas City, Kan., who think they know all), who will refuse to give him any credit at all, and will at the same time speak in disreputable terms of all Negro literature. Critics may abound and multiply, but Mr. Hodges is doing a grand work in all his writings for a down trodden race.

Yours for all good race literature,
J. J. THOMAS, Kansas City, Kan.

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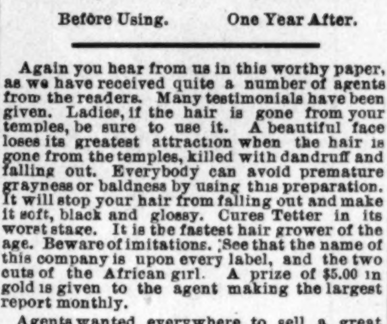

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LETTER NO. 5.

EDITOR FREEMAN:

We shall resume our description of the Liberian Republic by first noticing the climate, the most dreaded feature of this country.

It is an evident fact that Africa is "cooling off." This statement is not a mere spasmodic belief having no reasonable basis, but it rests upon well authenticated scientific facts, as well as experimental demonstrations. If we accept the geological hypothesis, which teaches the continuous cooling process of the earth, then we must agree that Africa, in common with other divisions of the globe, is cooling off, and years hence will be a temperate climate.

Bishop H. M. Turner, D. C. L., has to my mind advanced the most feasible argument on the color question, now extant. That the original color of mankind was red or dark, is in perfect harmony with nature dealing with the various animal families of the earth.

Years ago it was really dangerous to enter the African climate. It was especially fatal to persons of the Caucasian extraction. Later years, however, have wrought a wonderful change in climate effects, and even the nervous white men entertain but little, if any, dread in coming to Africa. Improved sanitary regulations have helped no little to produce this desirable change. When foreigners shall have learned to embrace the various opportunities to ward off African fever and cease to think that dying is the only cure, the death rate in Liberia will be greatly reduced.

The African climate is far from being healthy. The most scrupulous care should be exercised in order to prepare the system to contend with malignant attacks of fever. We know of nothing more conducive to good health in this climate than free bowels, regular meals of wholesome diet, well cooked. Free bowels is an absolute necessity. The use of quinine will add much to the vital organs and serve as a preventive from fever. However, too much quinine is not advisable. The native medicines are good and should be used in connection with the English medicines.

There is a material difference between the climate of Freetown, Sierra Leone, and that of Monrovia, Liberia. By some it is thought that the latter is the healthiest place, but my experience is just to the reverse. The superior sanitary advantages at Freetown has much to do with the health of the inhabitants. When Liberia is similarly blessed the health of the people will be 50 per cent. better.

White men especially hasten their death in this country by a loose, profligate and depraved life. Many of them coming here young and inexperienced, having no social society in which to circulate (not being willing to place themselves in sympathy and accord with their colored brethren), pursue a most shameful life. Heathen women become their paramours, whisky-drinking is carried on to an excess, tobacco using and general worthlessness characterizes their whole life, which as a rule is of short duration.

All through the interior country where white men have had access to heathen women, they have scattered their baneful, corrupt and immoral influences very much the same as can be seen along the cotton plantations of the South.

Strange to say, however, but the pure native woman who has never come in contact with white men or civilization, cannot be induced to destroy her virtue. She is a virgin until she obtains a husband according to their customs.

So you see that good health in Liberia or any other part of Africa depends upon the care one exercises over themselves. During the month of May we have our most sickly season. It is then changing from the dry to the rainy season and as a rule is very unhealthy; just as it is in the United States during the last summer and first fall months.

For emigrants, November is a splendid month to leave America and land here about the first of December. I do not favor persons coming here during the rainy season, which lasts from May to September and sometimes to October. There are no reasonable objections, however, for persons coming to Africa when they please.

We repeat what we have so often said: That unless the Negro embraces the flattering opportunities to come in possession of the rich lands of Africa, obtain wealth and power and establish a great nationality, the white men will seize the country and extend his dominion over the most important divisions of the continent. But the white man can never control all of Africa as he controls Europe and America. He can only control the country in name, not in reality; and there are millions of acres of Africa he cannot control even in name

We do not indorse wholesale emigration to Africa, not because the country is unfit for the people, but because millions of Afro-Americans are unfit for the country. We have thousands of Negroes who do not believe in the ability of the Negro to organize and maintain a government. Such mortals would be an incumbus to the country. Then again we have another class of Negroes who indorse the old slavery cruelties and would, had they the power, inflict the same diabolical treatment on those who might become their servants or laborers. Then again we have the dudes, the "high society people," who believe in theatres, Zoological gardens, fine "parks," circuses, excursions, etc., etc. This class of people would be a curse to Africa or any other undeveloped country; just as they are the curse of the Negro race in America to-day.

Race-loving, self-reliant, industrious people are the ones wanted in Africa. Not the high-collar dude; not the would-be white Negro; not the lick-skillets and Government pap-suckers, but Negroes who are willing to endure the rigors of pioneer life for a season in order to become free and independent.

"May God hasten the day when we as a people will have sense and pride enough to be ourselves, and cease to imitate and practice the detestable habits of our enemies."

If white men can see the great future of Africa, why can't the Negro? Shall we forever be the tail end of creation? Are we born fools? Are we doomed to be servants all our days? Shall we always pay others—produce nothing by brain or will power? Such, to say the least, seems inevitable.

We (when I say we, I mean Afro-Americans), are doing nothing substantial along the line of race development aside from a few fine churches, schools, newspapers, with here and there a comfortable home. But what is the real condition of the masses of Afro-Americans? It is simply awful.

A Money Time.

Los Angles, Cal., Special.

One of the most magnificent efforts we have been permitted to witness, was the grand rally of Wesley Chapel M. E. church on the last Sunday in June. It had been announced by the pastor (Rev. S. W. Hawkins) three weeks prior to the rally, that on that day he wanted five hundred dollars from the congregation and he would get one thousand dollars out side the congregation, thereby liquidating the entire church debt. The announcement placed a quietus upon every disenting faction and on the evening of the rally, people were packed in the church like sardines in a box.

The most exciting scene was the financial show down of the two leading men in the church. Mr. G. Rice had challenged Mr. W. H. Shores to beg and bring in the most money to the rally, thereby testing their popularity in the community. After a canvass day and night for two weeks, holding up whosoever they came in contact and getting the exact balance of his purse, these two gentlemen walked down the asile of the church arm in arm, placing their ballets on the table, took their seats in the audience leaving the money to be counted by the clerk, each supposing his purpose accomplished.

Enthusiasm ran high with unabating applause, when it was made known that Rice had $40 55 and Shores $100 The occasion for this and other features of excellence will be long remembered, the total results of the evening were $600.

COLORED CRYPTIC MASONS.

Formation of a General Grand Council in Kansas City for the U. S. and Canada.

A general Grand Council of the Cryptic Rite of Royal and Select Masters for the U. S. and the Dominion of Canada was formed Thursday the 16th, at Shrine Hall. This is the first instance in the history of Masonry of the Cryptic Rite among the colored Masons. Their authotiy was granted by the Grand Council of Scootland. The following prominent colored masons were elected to serve three years:

The most puissant companion, John G. Jones, Chicago, Ill.; most illustrious Grand Master,; Ill. Peter Harris, Kansas City, Mo.; Deputy Grand Master, Ill; D. R. Stokes, Dallas, Tex; Grand Prior, Ill; R. W. Freeman, Omaha, Neb.; Trearsurer, Ill; Tom W. Logan, Kansas City Mo.; recorder, Ill; J. F. Richards, Chatham, Ont; Corresponding Secretary, Ill; G. W. Johnson, Leavenworth, Kan.; Grand Champlain, Ill; H. H. Hill, Leavenworth; Captain of the Guard, Ill; Early Lawrence, Galveston, Tex.; Grand Conductor, Ill; Samuel Diggs, Kansas City, Kan.; Grand Marshal, Ill.; Henry Weaver, Chatham, Ont.; Grand Steward, Ill; E. Pence, Kansas City, Mo.; Grand Sentinel.

The installation was conducted by Noble W. L. Kimbrough, 33rd degree, of Dallas Tex., and Noble M. W. Love, 33rd degree, of Kansas City, Mo., and Early Lawrence, 33rd. degree, of Galveston, Tex. A sumptuous banquet was enjoyed last evening under the auspices of Adel Kader Temple, nobles of the Mystric Shrine as a token of honor to the visiting dignitaries of the Imperial Grand Council which session had just closed. Noble Thomas W. Logan, 33rd. degree officiated as toast master.

The session of the Imperial Grand Council of the Mystic Shrine for North and South America, which has been in session for two days is composed of the most prominent and learned colored masons in the United States. Nearly every state being represented. The next session of the Imperial Grand Council will be held at Washington, D. C.

Social Flashes.

Harrisburg, Ill., Special.

Rev. Moses Dixon, of St. Louis, was in the county last Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Annie Singleton, of Chicago, is expected in the city soon. Rev. James Barnett preached at the A. M. E. church last Sunday. T. A. Head, of Cairo, was in the city last week in the interest of his paper. Miss Mertle Tanner left for St. Louis, Friday, to be joined in wedlock to a prominent St. Louis gentleman. Mrs. Jennie D. Smith is in St. Louis visiting Lawyer Walter Farmer's family. Rev. T. W. Henderson, of Indianapolis, spoke at the Fair Grounds for the A. M. E. barbecue.

Miss Cornelia Barnett will teach our school this winter. Mrs. Emma E. Misser visited her mother, Mrs. A. E. Smith, in Shawneetown, Ill., last week. The Odd Fellows and K. of P. will give a grand celebration soon. There are prospects of another swell wedding. Lewis Singleton, of Cape Goridan, passed through the city on his way to Moline, Ill., where he will take charge of a hotel. Miss Anna Lee Mason, of Evansville, Ind., was the guest of Miss Misser last week. Prof. Will J. Smith will teach at Equality, and Mrs. Smith will spend the winter in California. Prof. Duke Williams called on Miss Alice Towels at Eldora, Sunday. Mrs. J. A. Dickinson-Smith is in Chicago.

Leading Woman Dead.

Fayetteville, Ark., Sdecial.

We are pained to announce the death of Mrs. Annie Richardson, wife of Charles Richardson, one of the leading colored citizens of this place. Mrs. Richardson was born in 1844. She was converted and joined the M. E. church in 1892. During her affliction she had the attention of loving children. The funeral took place from the residence Monday evening at 2:30 p. m. The Church Aid Society, of which the deceased was a member, was organized in 1884 by Rev. A. J. Phillips, then pastor in charge at this place. Since its organization, it has buried five of its members. It has, as near as can be estimated, donated about $309 to the church and the different ministers that have had charge of the M. E. church of this place. Not only has it done this, but has frequently donated to those who were not members to bury their children. For this act, Rev. Phillips has won the lasting regards of this entire community. The C. A. S. is now the strongest and leading society of this place, having $300 in its treasury. The officers are Mrs. Phillis Adams, president; Mrs. Katie Moore, vice-president; Mrs. Tobitha Taylor, treasurer; Mrs. Katie McConnel, secretary; Miss Elmira Pettigrew, chaplain.

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I would like to know the whereabouts of my three sisters, Lucretia, Eliza and Polly Sadler. Our mother's name was Pricilla Sadler. She belonged to Fannie Sadler, an old maid. Our father's name was Ranel Spilman; he belonged to Jim Spilman. Our home was Lael, Garrett county, Ky., eight miles from Langston and eleven miles from Richmond, Ky. Any information would be very thankfully received by their sister, Sallie Johnson. Address, 339 E. Jefferson street, Decatur, Ill.; in care of L. Earnest.

I have a son; have not seen him since the war. His name is Thomas Taylor Turner, my home was in Madison Co., Tennessee, but I left him in Columbus Kentucky with a man by the name of John Stevens, who was a Telegraph Operator. He was between the age of 7 and 8. His father's name was Sam Turner and my name was Henrietta Turner. Every pastor will please read this to his congregation, and readers will please inquire. Any one giving information will oblige Henrietta Wallace, 1408 Maple St., Des Moines, Ia.

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When you've got a thing to say,
Say it. Don't take half a day.

COMMENCING TO REAP THE WHIRLWIND.

The comment of the Memphis Commercial-Appeal on the last Tennessee tragedy has a tone that indicates that at last the Southern greed for Negro blood is becoming surfeited. For years, with a reckless disregard for consequences, careless, snapping their bloody fingers at public opinion, they have went on burning, shooting and skinning "niggers," have sown to the wind, with seemingly no thought that sooner or later they would be called upon to reap the whirlwind. Fools! Whom the gods would destroy, they first make mad. They have railed against Ida B. Wells and her mission, but just begun; have hunted, persecuted, ostracised those of their own kith and blood, who being eye witnesses to their hellish crimes, have dared to condemn them; have sneered at the English press and people for permitting a colored woman to tell them of their crimes, and within the last two weeks, as conscious that something must be done, that the cloud of universal condemnation might not completely envelope them, have held a great national meeting to devise ways and means to build up their waste places and once more restore them to that place in the esteem of the civilized world that, through their crimes, had been denied them. God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform. They have sown to the wind, they must reap the whirlwind. Just about the time when they had begun to hope, comes this last tragedy to dash that hope to the ground. No wonder the Commercial Appeal breaks forth in this manner:

> "It was a deed of almost inconceivable savagery, an act of cold blooded, brutal, devilish atrocity that makes every nerve writhe with horror and the heart sick with loathing for the bloody beasts that committed it. Every man responsible for the foul crime is a wretch whose feet would defile the gallows and whose neck would disgrace the rope that strangled him. The whole community must bear the odium of a deed done by a band of ruffian midnight assassins, unless it takes action to clear itself of all responsibility. The lynchers must be brought to justice."

Aye, indeed, brought to justice forsooth, but why have you waited so long to sing this song? Have you at last become awakened, does it begin to dawn upon you dimly, as through a glass darkly, that humanity cannot always be outraged, that somewhere, sometime, the punishment for such crimes as for years you have abetted, denied and apologized for, will be forthcoming and meted out?

THE "FEMALE ACCUSATION."

"Seeing the frequency of 'female accusation' in the case of the lynched Negroes, too little attention seems to have been given to certain morbid peculiarities well known to medical men and to matrons of experience. There are women who will 'fancy' anything which will give them a sensation and a little passing notoriety. In wild countries, where terrible crimes will occasionally occur, such diseased imaginations will fasten upon these and imagine a criminal and an attempted crime in any innocent stranger. Under happier social circumstances the morbid egotists may only imagine that men 'fall in love with them.' Be it remembered that even this 'imagination,' if indulged in by a 'white woman,' regarding a 'nigger' in some of the States, would mean the death of the man, perhaps the more ignominious death, if he ventured to say in self-defence that the 'imagination' was wholly baseless or must have been derived from some of the natural and proper civilities paid by youth and strength to age and manifest infirmity. For it must be noted that female sufferers from this disease, egotism are not necessarily young and flighty. They are often elderly, dowdy and disappointed Nor are they invariably recognized by their nearest connections as fit objects for pity and care. Their friends often leave them to wander among unsuspecting strangers, heedless of the annoyance and hindrance they give. Such kinsfolk are ready enough to crave for mercy and to plead hereditary mental affliction and general weakness and instability if even from the unfortunate woman's own statements they think she is likely to get herself into serious trouble, but they are prepared to recall all their words when only the interests of others, or even of great public causes, are concerned!

"We have but just risen from perusal of the documents in a strikingly typical case of this kind, in which all the points of diseased vanity, purient insinuation, and the self-contradictory selfishness of 'kinsfolk' are strongly brought out.

"Now, round such women, if in the Southern states Negro lynchings will spring up, as did witch-burnings around that nauseous Scotch girl, Christian Shaw, at whose 'imaginative' word, seven innocent people perished in Paisley as recently as 1697, indeed a study of the witch accusation mania and of the secrets of hospitals and lunatic asylums would seem likely to shed some light on the 'female accusation' of the Southern states, and we believe this was pointed out in Fraternity some months ago. Nor should this dark possibility of the female constitution and temperament be lost sight of even in this country, in these days when women are entering largely into public, professional or philanthropic work. In the interests of womanhood, women must make a firm stand against the invasion of 'weak sisters' of those morbid tendencies which are miscalled a 'lively imagination.' Men who have once had the misfortune to come in contact with these poor creatures naturally shrink from further association with women either as employees or colleagues, while sensible women, for the sake of all parties, will entirely refuse to work with them in co-operation with men. And, in short, the morbid women themselves, the nearer they approach to a condition of mental health, the more they will be aware that their only safe place is retirement. And can anything be more wholesome for this complaint (which in its earlier stages is, as the best lunacy authorities assert, simply vanity and the basest egotism), than the knowledge that the active outbreak of its symptoms will leave the sufferer to 'go softly' all her days.

"If the women of the South were all 'pure in heart and sound in head,' we should hear of fewer lynchings; and if British philanthropy, whenever forewarned, gently set aside the dubious help of these diseased imaginations (which always gloat on temporary 'horrors' rather than dwell on eternal principles) many good works which now flag and falter, would go on apace."—London (England), Fraternity.

REMEMBER:. The Lord God Omnipotenth liveth, and he is a just and a jealous God.

NOW THAT we have a bran new tariff law, Congress has adjourned, and Cleveland has flown to Gray Gables, the South has assumed the contract to keep up the excitement by killing "niggers."

WHAT with the flood getting in its deadly work in the South, followed by the horrible holacaust in the Northern pine woods, apologists and dreamers of the ilk of the editor of the Indianapolis News, might be expected to argue that the shooting and burning of an occasional "nigger" a little matter not to be mentioned.

C H J. TAYLOR still holds his own. We are glad of it. The Negroes who have been busying themselves, looking to his removal, ought to be ashamed of themselves and sing low. As for you, Recorder Taylor, if you have been guilty of any "dambphoolishness," quit it, attend strictly to the business of your office, and do not be too lofty to follow in the footsteps of your distinguished predecessors, Douglass, Trotter and Bruce.

A SMALL SWEET WAY.

There's never a rose in the world
But makes some green spray sweeter;
There's never a wind in all the sky
But makes some bird wing fleeter;
There's never a star but brings to heaven
Some silver radience tender;
And never a rosy cloud but helps
To crown the sunset splendor;
No robin but may thrill some heart
His dawnlike gladness voicing;
God gives us all some small sweet way
To set the world rejoicing

A SUMMER DAY.

Deep down beside the tangled sedge
The meadow-lark sings all the day,
And bursts at times from out the hedge
The mimic chatter of the jay;
And here and there a wandering note,
A cricket's chirp comes sweet and clear
Where dreamy mists of summer float
At noon upon the grassy mere.

Afar away below the hill
I see the noisy mill-wheel go;
The smooth, broad lake above the mill,
The flash of foam that roars below;
And on the even slopes that rise
So gently toward the mountain's brow
The cattle watch with sleepy eyes
The lazy plowboy at the plow.

My soul is sleeping and it dreams—
Ah! sad and sweet that dreamings thrills
For there are other vales and streams,
And other flocks on other hills—
The hills whereon I climbed to pull
The goldenrods and weeds of May,
When all the world was beautiful
And all my life a summer day.

SIX MURDERED! BUT GOD REIGNS.

"Six Negroes killed! Half a dozen colored men, accused of incendiarism, who were chained together in a wagon, shot to death!"

This from the Associated Press, bright and early last Sabbath morning, the holy day of God, and still the press of the South, and many dough-face Northern allies, tell us Ida B. Wells is a mischief-maker and the land of the palmetto and the cotton bulb is being slandered.

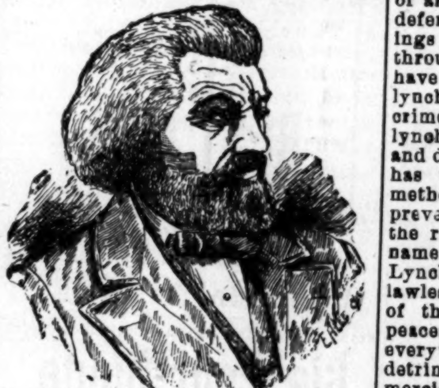
"The Lord God Omnipotenth reigneth, and he is a just and a jealous God."

Will this condition of affairs always obtain? There has been an alpha, is there not to be an omega?"

Despair not, repress your impatience. The day of reckoning, long, long on the way, will surely come. We append below interviews on this last brutal outrage, held by the Associated Press representative with a number of prominent race men, and Miss Ida B. Wells which should be of general interest to our readers.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

said he had not read the report of the affair, nor did he care to. "It is only a continuation of the persecution of the past," he said at first very bitterly. "What can I say about this affair that I have not already said of similar ones? My views are well known." For a moment he was silent, and he continued, apparently speaking more in sorrow than in anger: 'I regard this case as symptomatic," he said "It belongs to the spirit of lawlessness which prevails all over the country. It is usually said in defense of lynch law that it is only resorted to in revenge for a single crime. But that is not true It is resorted to after almost all offenses, or all alleged offenses. They kill a man, tell how he looked when he was accused, how he confessed, how he was strung up, but when the coroner's jury is called they all swear that they don't know who did it. They never know who the man confessed to. I do not believe their accusations. It is simply a reign of terror in the South for political purposes and to defeat the constitutional amendments. One effect of this persistent lawless violence in the South will be undoubtedly to produce retaliation on the part of the Negroes. Persecution will beget persecution and secret revenge. Another effect will be to keep the capital of the North and immigration from the North and from abroad away from one part of our common country. It is a deplorable state of affairs, but these things will ultimately defeat themselves. The thirst for blood will be satiated and reaction will take place."



HON. FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

HON. BLANCHE K. BRUCE

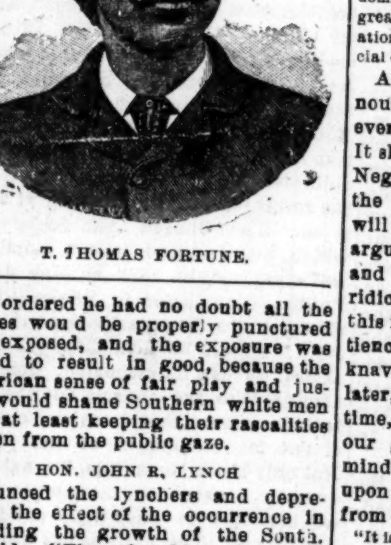
took a conservative view of the work of the lynchers in Tennessee, though he expressed astonishment the brutality of the action and deplored its damaging effects to the South. He at first declined to discuss the affair, but finally said: 'It is certainly an appalling affair, and I earnestly hope that the good citizens of the county in which it occurred will not rest until the perpetrators of this crime have been brought to justice. The effect of the lamentable occurence will be, among other things, to neutralize to some extent the good that is being done by the Southern Development Association, which has just closed its sessions here. This will be accomplished by preventing capitalists from investing their means in the state."

Mr. Bruce refused to say whether an uprising of the Negroes was to be expected, though it was intimated that the outcome would not be of that serious character.

T. THOMAS FORTUNE, PRESIDENT AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUE,

said: "It is very hard to get a correct report of these lynchings and their true causes from the spot where they occur There can, however, be no justification for a lynching of this character. Where these men who were slaughtered would only have suffered a few years in a penitentiary, even if the offense were proven against them, there is less than the ordinary amount of justification for such slaughter. It seems to me that this lynching in Tennessee is on a par with, and as much open to excuse, as the lynching of eleven Italians in New Orleans in 1892, and the lynching of three men in Memphis in 1893 The bone of the whole contention is not the offense, but the method of meting out justice for a supposed offense If it is justifiable to lynch a man for murder or for criminal assault, it is equally justifiable to lynch him for stealing chickens or hogs, and if it is permitted to lynch a man for the former crime it will become prescriptive to lynch for the latter, and that is the way the thing naturally works. It is a question whether these men ever burned any barns at all. Probably a proper investigation would show that these men had become obnoxious to their white neighbors on account of their prosperity or their activity in denouncing wrong, and thus laid the basis of getting rid of them.

"It seems to me that the activity of the English people in this matter of American lynching, with the Duke of Argyll at their head, will have the effect of creating in the South a respect for the law, and for this reason: The people of the South cannot expect foreign capital and foreign immigration to seek investment or settlement while such insecurity for life is notorious." Mr. Fortune then quoted several influential English newspapers on the enormities of lynching, and said Congressman Blair had introduced a bill in the last Congress for the investigation of one phase of the matter, and if an investigation was ever ordered he had no doubt all the phases would be properly punctured and exposed, and the exposure was bound to result in good, because the American sense of fair play and justice would shame Southern white men into at least keeping their rascalities hidden from the public gaze.



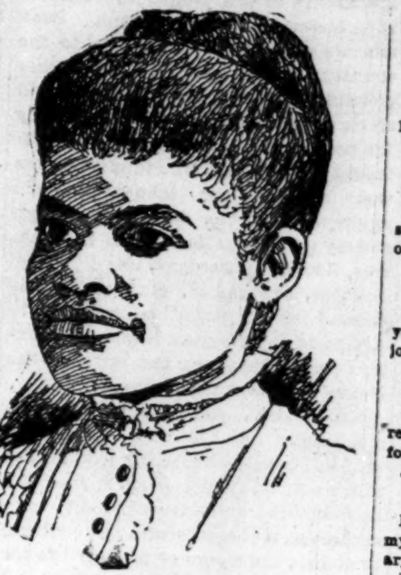
T. THOMAS FORTUNE.

HON. JOHN R. LYNCH

denounced the lynchers and deprecated the effect of the occurrence in impeding the growth of the South. He said: "These lynchings have become so prevalent in the South that it is no longer a matter of surprise to read of them. Naturally, I was horrified to read of the Tennessee lynching, which was based merely on the suspicion that the six men were guilty of arson. Those who have justified, defended and excused frequent lynchings in the South, from the pulpit, through the press and on the stump, have done so on the ground that lynching was resorted to only for the crime of rape. The truth is that the lynchings are the result of a morbid and depraved public sentiment which has tolerated any and all criminal methods to stamp out and effectually prevent the successful opposition to the ruling oligarchy which bears the name of Democracy in the South. Lynching is only one species of the lawlessness which damns that section of the country in the estimation of peaceable and law-abiding citizens everywhere. Hence, it is bound to be detrimental to the industrial and commercial interests of the South. It is not a race matter, however, and there will be no retaliation from a race standpoint. The lawlessness is not the result of antipathy between the white and black races. But wherever local sentiment tolerates crimes and lawlessness, as is true in certain sections of the South, it causes people generally to become accustomed to such things by force of habit. Consequently, we find white men as well as colored men murdering one another and frequently whites and blacks murdering those of the opposite race. It won't result, as some might imagine, in any general emigration of Negroes from the South. They will stay there, which is a country for the black man as much as for anybody else. They will live there peaceably if they can and die there if they must, as lawlessness does not justify lawlessness. There will be no uprising of Negroes, and they must depend upon the sense of justice of the people of the country to remedy these evils, and the remedy will ultimately come."

IDA B WELLS,

being interviewed in Chicago, said: "There is no other place in the world where a capital offense is made of burning barns. I scarcely know what to say of the men who are responsible for this butchery. This last example of lynch law is but a sample of the sort of things done in the South. The white men down there do not think any more of killing a Negro than they de of slaying a mad dog. This incident serves to back up the contention that the Negroes are not lynched solely for the perpetration of foul crimes, notwithstanding the symposium contributed recently to a New York newspaper by a number of Southern Congressmen, reaffirming that lynching seldom or never took place in the South except for crimes committed against women and children. An excuse is made by the whites for the purpose of shielding themselves and leaving them free to murder all the Negroes they wish. Despite the history of races and nations, the Southern white man vainly believes he can keep down an entire race by such methods of oppression and intimidation. The South has more than once insisted upon being left alone with the Negro problem.



IDA B. WELLS.

The nation has obligingly accommodated her, and to-day the spectacle is presented of a so-called civilized country standing idly by and seeing one section disgrace the entire country. I think it is high time the justice-loving and law-abiding people should take some steps to make such acts impossible."

A NORTHERN "MUDSILL."

> "We should not forget that the white people of the South are the same as we are. They are of our blood. They came from the same stock. They have been nurtured in the same laws, literature and language. That should be a starting point for Northern opinion. Then it must be considered that this people has been warped by centuries of slavery; that the generation since slavery has lived under the threat of Negro domination, which the franchise placed in the hands of millions of ex-slaves means. Such domination, indeed, did exist for a time. There still lingers the fear of Negro domination. Back of it, we believe, looms the greater fear, because it is a fear of the imagination, that the progress of the Negro means social equality."—Indianapolis News.

All this is bosh, rot of the most pronounced type, which proves, however, that blood is thicker than water. It should be an object lesson for the Negro. As between the Negro and the Caucasian, how the white man will cling to the white man. The argument of the News is fallacious, and its deductions are positively ridiculous. We have not the space in this issue, presuming we had the patience, to prove the writer both a knave and an ass, may take him up later, think we will, but in the meantime, not to wholly excommunicate our generally level-headed and fair minded brother, let your eye rest upon this God Almighty's truth taken from the same article as the above:

> "It is a condition of things that connot last. Innocent blood cries up from the ground against it. Whether the reformation be from within or without, it is a reformation that must be begun"

THE government at Washington still lives.

AFTER the tariff thinkers have done their worst—lo, the sun of prosperity is emerging from the clouds.

The Picnic a Failure.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

The home protection society picnic was some what a failure, as base ball seemed to be the most attractive thing on that day. The boys didn't have as good a time in Mr. Hall's water melon patch as they thought, just as they got in the patch about four or five shot guns were turned loose on the boys, but no one was hit and some of them have not returned yet. Archa Borner who has been spending a visit in St. Louis, reached here August 30th, his people were quite glad to see him as it had bean quite a while since he was at home. The choir at the A. M. E church is getting along nicely. Mr. Washington's niece, of Pine Bluff, is visiting here. Mrs. Mullins and Miss N. C. Smith were in the country rusticating last week. Mr. Uphery Kenchin who has been rail roading in Mississippi, returned home for a while. The boys were not in it with Holly Grove base ball boys. The game ended 2 to 1 in favor of Holly Grove. Austin Wild man is making Brinkley his home. S. P. B. Weever, of Brinkley, was in the city Thursday the 30th on business. Mrs. Lillard has been successful in getting up her music class it is hoped that she will do well. Mrs. Bondey and W. J. Jacobs are the new subscribers for The Freeman. Mrs. Noah Harvick is on the sick list. Mr. W. M. Orr is visiting in Mississippi. Dewpre colored who has been going at large for a year being charged with murder, is resting in jail here Excursion from Helena to this place on Sunday the 8th. The little folkes party at Mrs. Hopkins last week was quite a nice affair none were present but little ones.

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JAS. T. BRYN,
Editor Free Will Baptist Standard,
Jan. 10, 1894. Kingston, N. C.

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I will enclose you $2.00 for The Freeman one year and the School History of Negro race. I have been a reader of The Freeman one year. I feel that I could not be without it.
LOUISA LITTLE, Redding, Cal.
Jan. 10, 1894.

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I am a reader of The Freeman, and can say that I don't think I ever read anything in my life that I enjoyed better, and I don't think any man or woman of color have their homes complete without it.
DANIEL BURTON,
Jan 11, 1894. Peoria, Ill.

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Enclosed find $1.00 for renewal of my subscription to The Freeman for the year 1894. I cannot lose The Freeman as long as I can work to earn money to take it. I think it a grand paper for our race.
ELIZABETH DORSEY,
Dec. 30, 1893. West Chester, Penn.

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In tracing the columns of your paper I find it the greatest paper that ever left the Negro press. It is needed in our county. I will work for The Freeman. Enclosed find $1.00; send The Freeman.
G. W. DANIELS,
Jan. 7, 1894. Lee, S. C.

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Find enclosed $1 00 for another year for The Freeman. It is an educator to those interested in the race, so please see that it is continued. Without it I would be unhappy and lonely on Sundays.
WALTER S. JACKSON,
Aug. 8, 1893. Torresdale, Pa.

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Enclosed find $1.00, for which please send to the address of Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, 3 Townsend place, The Freeman for one year. May you and your paper be vastly successful in 1894 is the wish of
PETER LAWRENCE,
Jan. 8, 1894. Boston, Mass.

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Enclosed please find $1.00 for The Freeman, your valuable paper, for one year. I take advantage of low rates, and I have a number of race papers to pay for, but of them all there is not one that I appreciate like The Freeman.
JOSEPH H. GARRETT, Arbutus, Md.
Dec. 17, 1893.

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I am praying for the continued success of your grand paper, and hope that my health will improve so I shall be able to do more in the future than in the past in getting it in every Negro home in the Republic.
CHAS. V. MONK, Philadelphia, Pa.
Dec. 27, 1893.

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My people seem particularly anxious to read the leading Negro paper of the world, The Freeman. Please be so kind as to place the name of my school on your list and send your paper until May.
REV. M. L. LATTA,
President Latta's University, Oberlin, N. C.
Jan. 8, 1894.

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For four or five years I have been a regular reader and subscriber of The Freeman, and it is with pleasure I recommend it to be a true race journal in every sense of the word. Enclosed you will find a postal note for $1.00, for which I wish to renew my subscription for another year.
G. W. MCNEILL,
Jan. 9, 1894. Topeka, Kan.

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Enclosed find $1.00 for my subscription to continue for the ensuing year. The Freeman is a solid friend that I would not be without. I can not find words in my vocabulary to express the joy of its appearance. I sincerely hope that the day will soon come when it will sweep over this land as the waters over the deep.
A. E. EASON, Houston, Tex.
Nov. 21, 1893.

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I cannot be without your valuable paper. I enclose the sum of 50 cents for the paper for three months. I can only say that your paper is the best race paper I have ever read. It brings news from different countries, and from our fatherland in Liberia, Africa. I like it for that cause. I can say that it is needed in every Negro's house; every colored man and woman should read it.
PROF. A. T. DIXON,*
*Jan. 4, 1894. Carlisle, Ark.

DO YOU WANT TO BE OUR AGENT? SEND US A POSTAL CARD

Bad Schools, Worse Schools,

And No Schools In Missouri.

BY W. J. DEBOW, WARRENTOWN, MO.

[CONCLUDED FROM LAST WEEK]

The school boards of the different districts and townships are made up of white men, or men of the Caucasian race, some of whom are opposed to free schools for the educatoin of Negroes.

The writer of this article knew a lawyer in one of the districts who was opposed to free schools on the above grounds. The said gentleman was then president of the school board, also a steward in the M. E. church. In this same district were about 125 colored children, all crowded into one little room, and 200 white children, all scattered over five nice large rooms. And many other cases worse than this might be mentioned, yet some of our people say it will never do to have Negro boards for our colored schools, for the Negro is too full of sectarianism and he cannot read and write, etc. It is a fact some of the Negroes cannot read and write. Is it not the same with some of the whites?

The writer was in a school room in 1893 and the president and other members of the board made their visit to the school, and in the recitation the teacher was pronouncing the word "sew" (pronounced so). The president remarked: "I never heard that word pronounced that way before. I always pronounced it 'sude.'"

He, the president, was only about 48 years old and his father was a patroller in the days of slavery. So we find that some of our good white boards cannot read and write.

We will note another objection to the Negro being in the school board. It is said that he is a sectarian from an ignorant standpoint and would use too much sectarianism in the employment of teachers, also in the schools.

Well, suppose he is a little sectarian, as the objector puts it, is not sectarianism as good as Democratism? It is the ism by which several of the low grade Negro teachers hold their position as teachers in Missouri.

The writer knows of a board that told a teacher if he would work and vote for Cleveland for President, and Stone for Governor, he could keep the school for three years or as long as they were in the board. The teacher refused to vote their way and he is not the teacher now, but a "Demmy" is.

In some states morality and education are prerequisites for a situation as teacher, but in some of the districts in Missouri among colored schools ignorance and politics are the prerequisites.

Reader, stop and think! Is this not worse than sectarianism? The people that you love, the people that principally made the United States and helped to form this government by their toil and labor for 250 years, and many died without the knowledge of what they had done for the human family, and now for their posterity to be deprived of education, is a sin and a shame.

The school houses in some of the districts are little old log dwelling houses with the blackboard on the back of the door, and the house is so full of holes that the cheap teacher has to teach the school before cold weather and get out. Some of the larger towns don't have such houses as they ought for the accommodation of the Negro children.

Sometimes you find a town of eight wards and a school building in each ward, with sidewalks laid, for white children, and the Negro school away off at one side of the town, with no sidewalk and children walking four and five miles to school. In the white schools are maps, globes, charts, skeletons, and everything else that is necessary, but in the Negro school house some chalk, broom, bucket and a tin cup are the requisites, and some of the cheap Negro teachers never ask for anything else, for they think (and it is true) the least you call for the longer you stay.

Dear lover of education, there are a great many other things I could say about the Missouri colored schools and their management, also the negligence of boards and the putting in our schools cheap, illiterate teachers, etc., but I shall soon close. What we need, and that we want and must have, is good school-houses, good teachers educated morally and intellectually. If teachers would stand up like men they would not bring the wages of teachers down like some of the washer-women have the price of washing. We have in Missouri the Lincoln Institute, with its manual training department, located at the capital of Missouri, and the George R. Smith College, with its manual training department, located at Sedalia, Mo., and the Macon City College, located at Macon City, Mo. Let our boys and girls find seats in these colleges and prepare themselves for teaching, like men and women of intelligence, for the time is coming that you can't teach, and then you will try to look through the glass of intelligence with other men and women that have made themselves intellectual by hard study, and are able to see through this glass the good things for the edifying of the Negro race. The one that fails to prepare himself can only se. one thing, and that is about himself Ego sum asinus.

The St. James Literary.

Pittsburg, Pa., Special.

The meetings are becoming very interesting that are being held at Siloam Baptist church by Pastor Rev. Simms. The pastor preached to an audience last Sabbath eve that excelled any in number yet, with unconverted ones next to the alter, members in the rear. Mr. J. L. Watson deserves much credit for reporting the last weeks news of the two cities in the absence of The Freeman's regular correspondent. The St. James Literary Society will re open the 11th inst, all are cordially invited. In the absence of the president, Mr. H. C. Oliver, the vice president, J. R Paul, is arranging the program it will be nice and also interesting. H. F. Collins has returned from the different New England cities, which he visited, and says that business seemed to be progressing slowly, also the fields of corn, tobacco and different other products. Mr. L. D. Steptoe and others arrived in the city Saturday the 1st inst. from a three months trip to far Rockerway Beach. New York.

Got the "Drop" on his Accusers.

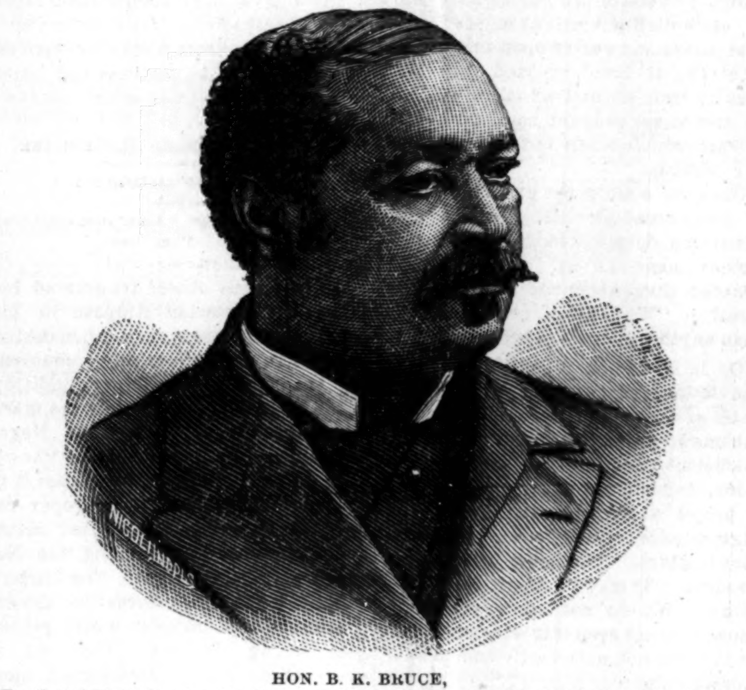
Clarksville, Tenn., Special,

Miss M. E. Taylor, the female evangelist delivered her farewell sermon, September 2nd. Miss Taylor left for her home September 4th. Miss Mimms, another female evangilist was in competition with Miss Taylor. Miss Mimms has only been preaching four months and her rival six years. Minnie Bowman was fatally injured while returning home from school. An excursion left here for Louisville Sept. 1st, in which Bud Cooker, "youthful hustler was terribly cremated, this should be a lesson to hustlers." Ed Manson had his jaw severely mutilated by a rock thrown by a miscreant. Pepo Skates, nephew of Thos. Skates was drowned in Red river recently. Abel Young (white) of Winoure, Miss., and Ben Johnson of this city were drowned in the Cumberland river Sept. 1st. Geo. Vance, one of the L. V. N. sexton hands died Sept. 2nd. at 10:30 p. m. Mr. Vance leaves a wife, brother, and several other relatives. Gen. G. Q Boyd, the great confidence man had the drop on his defamers by having A. C. Cox on his certificate and not the original individual T. C. Cox, and therefore no evidence could be ascertained as to a would-be forgery and Boyd was released on the long talked of "Pole Malt tonic." Bud Cookes, who was terribly cremated was chloroformed to have his leg amputated, went on slumbering and didn't awake Albert Merriwether has returned from Louisville after spending three weeks. Miss Eva Peyton has gone to Louisville where she expects to make her future home. This city's brass band left for Louisville Sept. 1st, where it won great praise and is famous throughout "Dixie's Land. Public school has resumed its resources again having to its credit 455 pupils and six teachers. Jim Simon wants to accept a position with some minstrels a tenor or gladiator, known as Casey's troubles. Joe Steel, the noted tonsoralist, wishes his fellow citizens to call on him for a nice hair cut. Miss Susie Ramey has returned home. G. A. Grant has returned home. Bennie Hampton has opened up a fish stand on S. First street.

Prof. Councill Passed Through.

Kelso, Tenn., Special.

Rev. Reynolds held his quarterly conference here Sept. 1st inst. He closed his revival with a good success. Literary society has resumed work again with a good program for the next meeting. Miss Mary Fulton, of Nashville Tenn., is visiting her grand mother and friends. Prof. J. C. Rice, of Guntersville, Ala., the brother of your scribe is on a visit here. Prof. Rice gave our Sunday school a fine lecture last Sabbath. Prof. W. H. Councill, president of the State Normal school at Normall Ala, passed through our little town on his way to Fayetteville, Tann. Prof. Councill gave a fine lecture to a crowded house in Fayetteville, Tenn., he is one among the brainest colored men of the South. Mr. P. R Powell, one of the white school directors, visited your scribe's school not long ago and was well pleased with the progress being made and said he never had before visited any school with better order than our school had. Rev. J. D. Drake, of Kelso, Tenn., has been holding a big meeting in Franklin County Tenn., near Beans, the Rev. is a soul searching preacher. There will be an abundant crop of corn made in this county. Mr. G. W. Keith made a visit over to Petersburg, Tenn., on business and says crops are fine.



HON. B. K. BRUCE,

Ex-United States Senator, Ex-Registrar of the Treasury, Ex-Recorder of Deeds. See interview editorial page.

THE GUEST WITHIN OUR GATES

Beautifully Entertained—Society Out In Force.

Chattanuego, Tenn., Special.

Society was out in full bloom Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs C D. Lowdnes Cypress St. in honor of Miss M. L. Clay, of Huntsville, Ala., Mamie Williams, of Macon, Ga., and Mrs. Ella Fralix. Dancing social games and feasting were the principal features of the entertainment. Among those present were Misses K. M. Daugherty, Nellie Calaway, Mamie P. Calaway, G A. Sewell, Grace and Daisy Lowdnes, C. M. Pugh, Nell Heggie, E. Myrick, C. Bradford, M. L, Potter, M. C. Guess, and E. S. Redding. Gents: Messrs. Chas. Wallace, Wm. Inman, E. E. Russell, S. L. Heggie, S. W. Jordan, Frank White, Al. Owen, John Harris, C. E. Newton, Sam Cross, Drs. A. J. Love, R. W. Allen and W. H. Hastie, A number of young people were royally entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis, on Grove street, Friday evening, in honor of Miss Cora Carroll. She left Saturday to attend school in Dayton, O. Among the teachers that have returned to begin school Tuesday are Misses A. C. Taylor, E. Lapsley and Minnie Mitchell, of Oberlin, O. They were accompanied by Mrs. Viola Clark, who has spent the summer with her parents in Oberlin; Sarah Grant, Prof. John Wallace, of Maryville, Tenn.; Misses Annie Harper, of Georgia; Nellie Childs, of Marion, Ala.; Mary Harris and Belle Washington, who have spent the summer in New York, Boston and a few weeks in Rhode Island and North Carolina. Mme. Rumor has it that one of our best teachers had gone to reside in Chicago, but we are glad to say that the rumor has proved false, and the amaible young lady has safely returned. See? Mrs. Jim Whitener returned last week from quite a lengthy trip to Niagara Falls, Atlantic City, N. J., Asbury Park and several other prominent places. She is very much elated over her trip. Samuel Jordan accompanied Mrs. James Fralix and her little sister Viola to Cincinnati. The concert at the M. E church, Monday evening, under the auspices of Miss Mayme P. Caloway, deserves much comment. She was assisted by our best vocalists, and also Miss M L. Clay, of Huntsville, who, in connection with Miss Callaway, deserves special mention. Miss Julia Clark, daughter of Mrs. Matilda Clark, died very suddenly at the home of her mother last week, corner Montgomery avenue and Fort street. She was quite a favorite at home, and all who knew her admired her. Her remains were taken to Atlanta for interrment, accompanied by her mother, sister and brother-in-law. The bereaved family and friends have the sympathy of the general public. Monday was Labor day and a legal holiday, and business was shut down.

Two Souls With but a Single Thought.

Selma, Ala., Special.

Miss Annie Stone was wedded to Mr. Ed Murphy at the residence of Rev R. D. Brooks, on Sunday night Aug. 26th, the bride is one of Selma's most promising young ladies and lately a student of Selma University and daughter of our wide-a-wake grocerman, Mr. P. Stone, also a sister of the Rev. Mrs. C. J. Hardey. The groom is one of Selma's leading society young men and a brother-in-law of E A. McDonnel, a prominent Knight of the Grip. Miss Amelia Tyler is expected home soon from Atlanta, Ga., where see has been spending the summer. One of the grandest affairs of the season was had at Zion Hall on Aug. 27th by the young ladies of the church, with Mrs. Maggie J Hall at the organ. Mrs. Cynthia B, Callen rehearsed one of the most excellent pieces of the evening "Reo Dia." The Duetts and quartetts were enjoyed by all. A large crowd was in attendance. The flower drill led by Captain Mrs. Hall was beautiful. Refreshments of all kinds were served. The Christian endeavor society of the A. M. E. church of this place is moving along nicely. It has a membership of about sixty. Master Earnest Brooks, President, and Master Willie Shockerford, secretary, make good officers with Miss Mattie E Martin organist. Messrs. Geo. Collen and Coleman Canty have opened a first-class restaurant and oyster counter on market square The Sunday School of the First R. P church of Selma enjoyed themselves together with their friends at Pleasant Grove, it was a lovely day and all enjoyed themselves" At the session of their last monthly meeting they granted their pastor Rev. Kingston, a months vacation. He will spend it in the northern part of the state." Mr. Geo. Suttles of Perryville, Ala., is visiting his brother, Mr. J. F Suttle.

The Juvenile Class, No. 4, of the I. O. of G. S. and D. of S. met Sept. 2nd. The meeting was opened by reading Psalms 23, and after having a very successful meeting adjourned to meet again on the 16th inst. Officers present: G C. Poole, Guardian; Miss M. A. Jenning, principal teacher; Miss M. E King, treasurer. Miss M. A. Jennings, chairman of the delegation to the National Grand Lodge, Petersburg, Va., was unable to take the trip on account of bad health. It is rumored that the E T. V. & G. railroad shops of this city will be removed to Birmingham, which will leave a vacancy in the city not easily filled.

Fair and Exposition.

Baltimore, Md., Special.

There will be a grand fair and exposition given by the colored citizens of Baltimore under the auspices of the Baltimore County Industrial Association. Miss Emma Washington has arrived home from Atlantic City, where she has spent tbe summer. Rev. Bennie Williams, of Atlanta, Ga., is rusticating in this city with his brother for a few months. Mrs. Sarah A. McCayghey is spending a few weeks in the country with her friends. Prof, Furby, jr, of Washington, is spending his vacation with his father. The excursion on last Monday given by Ebenezer A. M E Church was a grand success, about 2,000 persons being present. The Sharp-street excursion on the 5th was a grand success. Miss Henrietta Chase of this city, spent her vacation in Philadelphia, Pa., with her friends. Mrs. Martha Hackett spent two weeks in the country with her mother.

In Honor of her Guest.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Miss Mary Allen gave a delightful picnic, Wednesday at Spencer park in honor of her guest, Miss Gertrude Taylor, of Peru. Mrs. Underwood of South Bend is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Parker. The A. M. E. church gave a social at Spencer Parker's Wednesday. The star club rendered many enjoyable recitals. Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Ratcliff were in Peru, Sunday to reopen the A. M. E. church, which has been refurnished. Howard Bell of Indianapolis is the guest of his cousin Samuel Ratcliff. Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Moore and daughter departed for Marion where they will reside in the future. Ed Russell has gone to Wabash to accept a position in a barber shop. Mrs. Effie Nicholson and Miss Jennie Burnett have returned to Kokomo after a few weeks' sojourn here. Mrs. C. W. Jones went to Marion last week to attend her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Keen, who is quite sick. Andrew Gibson is suffering from nervous prostration. Henry Harris is out again after a few days illness. The children under management of Rev. and Mrs. L W. Ratcliff, will give an entertainment Sept. 5, at the A. M. E church The Brownies defeated the J. D. Fergusons in a well played game by a score of 5 to 3.

"THE DERBY WINNER."

A Success—The Ladies Auxiliary Give a Grand Concert.

St, Louis, Mo,, Special.

"Derby Winner", a commic drama, gotten up by St. Louis talent, the majority colored, headed by Prof. Butler's band, played one week to a crowded house at the Grand and left Saturday billed for the season. Sabbath School covenant sacrament and evening service were well attended at the Central Baptist church. On the 26th inst. Rev. Lias preached to a crowded house in the evening. The C. B. S. S. elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: J. Agee, Supt.; J. R. Dandridge, As't. Supt.; John Davis, Sec't.; Miss Nettie Dickson, As't. Sec't.; Miss Ada Edwards, pianist. Business among the men of color seems to be picking up. The exposition opens on the 5th inst. employing about fifty and the new union depot opened on the 2nd giving employment to between one and two hundred colored men about the place. Dr. Mansfiee is a regular reader of the Freeman and thinks it an able race paper. There is a plan by which to have a colored weekly paper in our city, gotten up and headed by such race leaders as Wm. Tanndy. J. M. Stokes, Drs Mansifee, Jones and others. Mr. and Mrs. J. L Cohron's baby has been very sick.

Misses Thompson, Smith, Miller, and Mrs. Thomas have returned from a pleasant visit to Indianapolis when they have spent their summer vacation among friends and relatives. The concert and necktie party given by the Ladies Auxiliary Taursday, Aug. 30th was quite a success. The young ladies deserve much praise. The lecture room was artistically decorated and the young ladies looked beautiful. The program was as follows: Piano solo, Miss Willie Mergill; recitation, Clara Brown; instrumental duet, Mme. R, E. Ferguson, and Miss Ada Edwards; vocal duett, entitled "We go and seek", the Misses Hysons; Cavatina, entitled "Robert I love thee," Miss Norcisus Dorsey; vocal duett, entitled "When through life" Misses Green and Johnson; recitation "The creed of the bell", Mrs. Camron; recitation, Miss V. S. Clay, "Uncle Daniel's Prayer"; Sacred Chorus, Misses Dorsey, Mack, Green, Clay, Hysoms, Johnson, and Street. Refreshments were served in abundance The correspondant was their and enjoyed himself canvasing for The Freeman. Charles Shelton died, Aug. 19th, at the residence of Mrs. V. S. Clay 2648 Lucas avenue. His remains were interred Tuesday 21st, ult., at Frog, Mo. He leaves a mother and four brothers.

Miss Minnie Wilson, of 3227 Carollina street expect to return home to Edwards, Miss, in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Parker returned home to Paducah, Ky., Saturday, morning, Sept. 1st. Mr. D. Prince, 1507 Lucas place is one of the few men of color in our city dealing in real estate. The excursion on the Steamer Grand Republic, given for the benefit of the orphan's home on the 21st, owing to the threatning weather, there was'nt as large a crowd out as was expected but those that went had a nice time, tripping the light fantastic toe. The literary at Elliots Avenue church was postponed on account of the concert which took place and the program was rendered beautiful. But don't fail to be out next Wednesday evening. The Hon. J. M. Arbuckles who has been confined to his bed on the account of chills is able to be out again and extends a cordial invitation to all. Welcome, the Comus club, one of the leading institutions in the city of its kind. It has dispensed with its regular initiation fees for the next next thirty days. Any young man of good morals may become a member by paying the sum of $1. They, having filed up a club room, now reside at 174 Lucas avenue. Mr. Alexander Clauson is a subscriber for The Freeman and thinks it the best paper he ever read. All orders, including those through mail, promptly attended to, 219 Theresa avenue. Miss Victoria S. Clay has returned home from a month,s recreation on the out skirts of the city. Miss Nellie Dickson is confined to bed at 540 Montrose avenue. Mrs. Godsey and daughter, Miss Ida Taggard, have returned home from a pleasant visit to friends at Tilliston Mo. Mr. Mansey Dudney has gone to work after resting 6 months. Mr. Lemuel Roberson will leave Tuesday, Sept. 4th, for Jefferson City. Miss Anna Lackland returned home Taursday from Chicago, where she has spent her summer vacation. The Freeman will be delivered to your address by notifying Le Linderman, 3539 Pine street.

A HORRIBLE CRIME.

White man Rapes a Colored Girl—His Victim Dead.

Danville, Va., Special.

On Wednesday afternoon between 4 and 3 o'clock Tom J. Penn, (white) a wealthy tobacconist of this city committed a criminal assault on a little colored girl only eleven years old by the name of Nina Hannah. Penn called her and said that he wanted her to mail a letter for him. He took her in the factory and committed the horrible deed, he was arrested and bailed to the sum of $1,500, and sent before the grand jury. The girl's condition grew worse and she died Saturday night. Penn was again locked up and refused bail, the judge saying it was not a bailable case. Both white and colored are against him It will be remembered that he is the man that caused such a discord in the First Baptist church two years ago.

The Danville Drug Company (colored), which made an assignment, will open up next week under the name of the Danville Pharmacy. The members of the Presbyterian church are having their house repaired. The public schools of this city opened on the 3rd of September. Miss P. M. Barksdale has returned home after a pleasant visit to Richmond, Va. Mrs. Anna Davis has returned from Bedford Alum Springs, Va. Mrs. S. R. Buford has returned from Richmond, Va. Mr. C. E. X. Boisseau is laughing—his best girl being in the city from Hampton School.

Miss Hattie and Gracie Colson, of Petersburg, are in the city visiting their sister, Miss M. V. West, on Holbrook street. Mrs. Taylor and daughter are the guests of Mrs. Sallie Williams, on Holbrook street. Miss Millie Lawson will leave this month for Hampton school. The Pino Glee Club gave a social Friday night, Aug. 31st, at the residence of Mrs. J. R. Wilson, on Holbrook street, in honor of Misses Taylor and Colson. After amusing themselves in dancing and other games, the gay party was called into the dining room, where a delicious table was spread About 1 o'clock, with much regret and many adieus, the happy party proceeded to their several homes. The Langston Lyceum is getting on well with L W. Holbrook, president, and W. O Ivy, secretary All orders for The Freeman can be left at 513 Holbrook street.

Will Organize A Literary.

Pierce Station, Tenn., Special.

Rev. M. J Jackson will preach at Harris Station, Tenn., this week in his protracted meeting. The Sunday-school of this place is doing very well. It would be better if the young men attended better. The fourth quarterly conference of Pierce circuit will convene at Browder's Chapel on September 15th and 16th, Rev. E. W. Reid, presiding elder. The trustees of said church are making arrangements to have a "fish-fry" for the benefit of the church on Sept 8 Mrs. Adder Waddie, of Union City, was the guest of Mr Arion Morris last week. A goodly number of our young men and ladies visited Union City on September 1. Mrs. Mary Reid is up again. Miss Lizzie James is on the sick list. James Browder will organize a literary society soon in Browder's Chapel. A. M. E Church, to be known as Salters' Lyceum, for the young men of this vicinity. Everyone should take The Freeman that loves race news.

Age One Hundred and Three.

Metropolis, Ill., Speciol.

Mother Rebecca Wisdom died at her daughter's home near Beechwood, Friday evening, her remains were brought here and buried. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Burton at the A. M. E. church of which she was faithful a member. She was born in Morganfield, Ky, March 4th, 1791 she joined the church when she was sixteen. She was a faithful member for 87 years. She was the mother of six children four of whom servive her. She died August 31st 1894 at the age of 103 years 5 months 27 days. Mother Wisdom, 'peaceful be thy slumber."

C. S Michaux is very ill with rheumatism. Mrs Manual Grace is ill. George Hollingeworth was arrested Saturday charged with stealing a horse, hardly so, and in broad day-light while the horse was being watered by a smaller boy? The schools in the city opened in full blast Monday. Miss Ida Michaux took charge of the Palmer school Monday also.

Gay Street Car Party.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special.

The B. D. and G. club ran an excursion to Warsaw Thursday, the 6th, inst The G. K. L. club enjoyed a delightful street car ride last Friday evening. Mrs. Mead has returned to her home in Chicago. Mrs. Eva Dorsey will entertain her mother for a couple of weeks. There will be a wedding at the A. M E. church on next Sunday week, the couple being Wm. Henderson and Miss Rosa Jones. Labor Day was largely celebrated here. People came in from camp meeting on labor day and resembled pilgrims of olden times. A good time was had. Miss Mary Williams, the colored evangelist, is holding camp meeting at Williamsport, three miles south of the city. Miss Mary Jones has gone home to Chicago on a two week's visit.

Mullin's Chapel Anniversary

Caldwell, Tenn., Tenn., Special.

The colored people of this place are all lovers of The Freeman. Rev. E W. Dangerfield, pastor of the A. M. E. church, says that The Freeman has no equal. Henry White is one of the prominent young men of this place and he is placing many encomiums upon The Freeman Misses Ella Phillips, Etta Campbell and Annie Campbell are girls who have merited praise for their most efficient work at the Mullin's Chapel anniversary. Rev. E. W. Dangerfield is carrying on his series of protracted meeting. The outlook is quite promising. The public school in this place is quite large and is far from being what it should be. Miss Rebecca Stephens is among the foremost young ladies of this place. She is thought by some to be the belle. Mr. Shed Martin in conversation with R. P. Purdy, and his wife Mrs Lizzie Martin, remarked: "I went to Shelbyville to-day and it is still situated in Duck River." We have a good Sunday School here. Mr. Dave Mullins is one of its most attentive members. No colored person can afford to do without The Freeman.

"The White Problem."

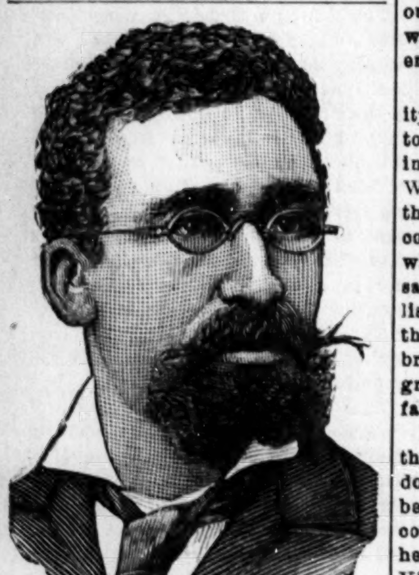
BY RICHARD T. GREENER.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK]

It was in Master Paul's church, Belknap street, that the abolitionists, driven from Tremont Temple in 1860, found refuge, and preserved there free speech for Boston and America.

Master Paul, himself a college graduate, accompanied Mr. Garrison to England and won praise from Daniel O'Connell for his scholarship and eloquence.

Before emancipation in New York state, Freedom's Journal, edited by Cornish and Russwurm, a graduate of Bowdoin, I am told, afterwards President of Liberia, demonstrated the public spirit, intelligence, and literary character of the American Negro. If David Walker's Appeal, issued in 1828, had been printed in 1765, or '70, and had been about the rights of the colonies, it would long since have attracted attention. But it was written by one of the "old clo' merchants" of Brattle street—an extinct guild—and is the voice of a black John the Baptist crying in the wilderness. It attained the honor of legislative attention, and a reward set for the authors head; but it is an American classic and forever answers all hints at Negro contentment under oppression. By law of heredity, thanks to Governor Butler, Walker's son son became a lawyer and a municipal judge in Boston.



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These facts taken at random would tend to show that the American Negro has tradition—far more, and more honorable than many of his traducers; they are of services, ancestry, interests in public affairs, in his own future. Now traditions of blood and training and achievement can never be permanently repressed. Pile Etna upon them, they will break forth, no matter how long or presistently kept down. As a help to the solution of the White Problem, this article is to show that they exist, and if they have not hitherto asserted themselves, it is because they could afford to wait, not because they are not cherished and kept for inspiration. Some complacent critics of the Negro, who analyze weigh, measure him with their little poles, discuss his removal to Africa, debate his admission to trade unions, into the ranks of business, into the literary circle, into social life, would save themselves much unrest if they knew his motto, J'y suis rests.

He is a reader of the Census. He calmly contemplates either horn of the politico economic problem—absorption all he asks to be is an actual American citizen; repression and fifty years of race isolation,—one of the ruling forces of this Republic, the arbiter of the South. For in fifty years, he will be nearly 100,000,000, strong and, judging solely by the advance since 1863, in thrift, in education, in race development, in equipoise, in aspiration, all that tends to consolidate and strengthen, he will have no fear of the few white chips which will here and there attempt to stem the rush of this black Niagara. Truly he can afford to wait.

One of the worst phases of the White Problem is the fatuous clinging to certain ideas, especially the good done to the Negro by bringing him to America. As well tell the descendants of Virginia convicts, the progeny of the kidnapped Irish, 1645–52; the proud descendents of Dutch, Scotch and English poor-houses, shambles and heaths, of the benefits which have accrued to them

For the presence of all these, the negro included, America is the gainer, humanity the debtor. The value of his contribution far outweighs any benefit he may be supposed to have received. He has reaped down the fields, developed new ideas, preserved the ark of the Nation's inheritance, and if Fletcher of Saltoum, and Dr. Dvorak have any weight, he is to become greater than the lawgiver, he is to found the American music of the future.

"The future music of this country must be founded upon what are called negro melodies. * * They are American. They are the folk songs of America, and your composers must turn to them. * * In the Negro melodies of America I discover all that is needed for a great and noble school of music. There is nothing in the whole range of composition that cannot find a themetic source here."—Dvorak.

The Negro has no tears to shed over that, "wonderful school of slavery, under Providence," so often quoted. He is no such hypocrite as to go through the pretence of believing that slavery is ever a good, a necessary, or beneficial school. Much less does he grant that any phase of that school, at any stage, affected him morally, socially, or physically except adversely, while he does know from bitter experience, how utterly pharasaical, how absurdly hypocritical, and how thoroughly unchristian the entire system was in practice, example and influence.

Whatever of intelligence, christianity, or civilization the Negro possesses to-day, let it be remembered he retains in spite of slavery, and its relic, caste. Whatever of honesty or morality or thrift has survived the charnel-house, comes from that excellent stock—which better than the Indian—Galton says is no farther behind the best English brain of to-day than it is behind the brain of Athens! It is due to a brain that slavery could not disintegrate, to a happy heart, to an abiding faith.

I am at a loss to observe how close the race maintains its hold on orthodox Christianity, when it is remembered how even the maxims of the common law were set aside, at its beheste—partus sequitur patrem—how Virginia (Henning Vol. II., pp. 356 7) declared that those imported thither "except Turks and Moors in amity," shall be accounted slaves * * notwithstanding a conversion to Christianity "after their importation."

How far from solution seems the White Problem, when the Negro reflects how powerless is Christianity even to repress race prejudice; how often indifferent to real brotherhood, while affecting deep denominational interest, Indeed, while an emasculated religion has been preached to the Negro, each denomination has seemed to shirk the main question of, Who is my neighbor? A premium has been offered every selfrespecting Negro to repudiate Christianity as it is taught. Why speak of the Christian? Take the cultured editor, W. H. Page (a North Carolinian) in The Forum, the moulder of public opinion. How despairing the "White Problem," when this is the high-water mark of culture:

Consider him at his best. I cite the case of a manly and accomplished gentleman of the race. His life has no back ground What we mean by ancestry is lacking to him; and not only is it lacking but its lack is proclaimed by his color and he is always reminded of it. Be who he may and do what he may, when the personal test comes he finds himself a man set apart, a marked man. There is a difference between the discrimination against him in one part of the country (the South) and in another part (the North), but it is a difference in degree only. He is not any where in a fellowship in complete equipoise with men of the other race. Nor does this end it. The boundless sweep of opportunity which is the inheritence of every white citizen of the Republic, falls to him curtailed, hemmed in, a mere pathway to a few permissible endeavors. A sublime reliance on the ultimate coming of justice may give him the philosophic temper! But his life will bring chiefly opportunities to cultivate it. And for his children what better? To those that solve great social problems with professional ease, I commend this remark that Mr. Lowell is said to have made, 'I am glad I was not born a Jew, but if I had been a Jew, I should be prouder of that fact than any other.' You can find men who are glad that they were not born Negroes; but can you find a man, who, if he had been born a Negro, would be prouder of that fact, than of any other? When you have found many men of this mind, then this race problem will, owing to some change in human nature, have become less tough, but til then, patience and tolerence."

Here is a paragraph which most people will acquiesce in; which bears the air of hard sense, stern reality, deep philosophic insight, keen analysis and delicate humor. It is already winging its way, and will soon be quoted as solid fact. If it were true then Schopenhauer reigns in America; religion and culture have failed to soften the manners, but have hardened and intensified the small prejudices of two centuries ago. If the statements were true, acquiescence in such condition, would show the utmost callousness, a more than heathen indifference, a heartlessness and inhumanity unworthy of the century. If character, reputation, manly accomplishments, the heights reached, the palm won, still find any black hero a "marked man," because of no fault of his own, and church and society, home and club, united in thus ostracising him and his children, then is it not demonstrated that it is not the Black but the White Problem, which needs most serious attention in this country?

Mr. Lowell, as always, was wisely terse. No trace of the snob was in him; he was no panderer to caste. Of course he was not anxious to be born a Jew, for he knew unreasoning and unreasonable pride of race still pecked often at its superior; but Lowell knowing the history of the race, and what its sons had accomplished in spite of persecution felt he "would be prouder of that fact if he were a Jew than any other." Nor is it true that every social avenue is closed to the aspiring and manly Negro of to-day. Prof. Washington, of Tuskegee, the leader in perhaps the greatest work of the race, is received among the best people of Boston, Philadelphia, and New York. The late Prof. Price of North Carolina, was the recipient of exceptional attention at home and abroad, on account of his talents and rare eloquence. Prof. Scarborough, the best Greek scholar of the race, meets the members of the American Philological Asssociation, on terms of equality, and Mr. Dubois, who won a traveling scholarship at Harvard, read a paper before the American Historical Society, and has been offered a professorship in a white college. It is surely no unusual thing in New York city to see educated colored men at various social functions, collegiate, theological, political, literary, professional. These are sporadic cases, of course; but so are the cases of the bright farmer boys from Vermont, North Carolina, Michigan, Connecticut, and New York state, who have by virtue of study or talent, gained entre to the same salons. The fact springs from the new ozone of equality or better liberality which is in the air, and is prompted and encouraged by those who have a clear notion of the fitness of things. Here, at least, it is not a race, nor color, nor creed line.

Against that flippancy which draws too hasty conclusions which cannot conquer its early prejudices or ignore its limitations, there looms up a quiet, unobstrusive, but presistent force which is determined not to give way to caste distinctions, but to see to it that there is a career open to all, despite sex, or creed, or race, in order that no atom of intellectual force shall be lost to our common country, and it is this which tends to the solution of our problem.

Once in a while the great utterance of some broad souled, warm-hearted American determined to give his testimony comes to us. Bishop Potter, broader than his entire church, says tersely: "What the Negro needs more than anything else is oportunity,"

Or is it Cable: "I must repeat my conviction, that if the unconscions habit of oppression were not already a scheme so gross, irrational, unjust and inefficient as our present caste distinctions, it could not find a place among a people so generally intelligent and high-minded. We hear much about race instinct. The most of it is pure twaddle. It may be there is such a thing. We do not know. It is not proved. And even if it were established it could not necessarily be a proper moral guide."

Then it is Bishop Dudley bravely fighting his way through traditions: "The time may come and will when the prejudices now apparently invincible shall have been conquered. Society then as now organized upon the basis of community of interests, congeniality of tastes, and equality of position will exclude the multitude who cannot speak its Shibboleth, but there will be no color line of separation. * * Such a social revolution as will open wide the the drawing-rooms of Washington to the black men who have been honored guests in the palaces of England and France. * * Capacity is not lacking, but help is needed, the help I repeat, which the intelligence of the superior race must give by careful selection and personal contact with the selected. Does not our mother, Nature, teach us that this is the only process, such being her method of procedure, working under the Creator's law?"

Not on the Protestant side alone. Hear this clearer blast from the leader of the Catholic cause in the Northwest, Archbishop Ireland, of Minnesota: "The right way. There is a work for us. Slavery has been abolished in America; the trail of the serpent, however, yet marks the ground. We do not accord to our black brother all the rights and privileges of freedom and of common humanity. They are the victims of an unreasonable and unjustifiable ostracism. * * It looks as if we had grudgingly granted to them emancipation, as if we fain would still be masters and hold them in servitude.

"What do I claim for the black men? That which I claim for the white men, neither more nor less. I would blot out the color line. White men have their estrangements. They separate on lines of wealth, of intelligence, of culture, of ancestry. Those differences and estrangements I do not now discuss and will not complain if the barriers they erect are placed on the pathway of the black man. But let there be no barrier against mere color. Treat Negroes who are intellectually inferior to us as we treat inferior whites and I shall not complain. The Negro problem is upon us and there is no other solution to it, peaceful and permanent, than to grant to our colored citizens practical and effective equality with white citizens."

Here are men, whose words shed some rays of light upon the solution of this terrible White Problem which I may lay some slight claim to the distinction of having discovered, though it would be presumptuous for me to say the solution is clear to me. If it could properly be stated, perhaps, Edmund Burk's "timid prudence with which a tame circumspection so frequently enervates the work of beneficence," and of all things being "afraid of being too much in the right," might be found its salient point on the positive side, while, as I have hinted, the absolute ignorance about the Negro, presents the negative side.

"Slaves of Gold! whose sordid dealings
Tarnish all your boasted powers,
Prove that you have human feelings
Ere you proudly question ours."

We learn from the Forum editor that there are members of this race who are "accomplished" and "manly." He is mistaken in supposing they have no "back-ground;" some of them have several, three generations of education, sufficient, according to Emerson, to make a scholar. Some have proved their capacity, not in contests with Negroes alone, but with representatives of all races; some have, it is true from training and heredity, the philosophic temperament. Like Hebrews, who look not back to Jerusalum, or await a Messiah; like Irishmen, who do not dream alone of a resuscitated Irish monarchy, or see visions of an Irish parliament at Dublin, they are painfully aware what disadvantages still hedge the members of any precribed race, in ordinary pursuits, and in daily life; but they see no reason because of this why they should feel ashamed of the fact, seek to deny it, or attempt to ignore it. They feel that they are first of all American citizens, and secondarily Negroes. From their reading, observation, and reflection, they are not sure but that the very fact of their origin may have been the means, under God's guidance of the Universe, of saving them from illiberal prejudices, from overweening race pride, from utter disregard of other races' rights, feelings and privileges, and from intellectual narrowness and bigotry.

RICHARD T. GREENER.

HISTORIAN RIDPATH

Indorsed—Scathing Arraigments of Negro Preachers.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—

I with many others am grieved because the historian Ridpath in his treatise on the great races of mankind has spoken so discouragingly concerning the moral and religious condition of the Negro. When I view the marital and social condition of the Negro as a whole through my limited knowledge and experience I pronounce it to be true that social purity, proper regard for marriage ties indeed seems almost "impossible" among the Negroes. Ridpath is right. The Christ's religion has little force to create, propegate, and nourish moral principles among Negroes. Two out of every three Negro preachers I meet never preach a gospel besprinkled with morality let concubinage sexual and social license of every kind reign ever so supremely in their immediate communities. Two out of every three preachers I meet almost invariably seek to ally themselves with the monied class of their congregations regardless of religious requirements and the evil practices of such a class. The colored lawyers in convention assembled at Chattanooga went on to say for this moral depravity rampant amongst Negroes we were largely to blame our ministry because they sat by, saw it, and did nothing and said nothing to create a healthy public sentiment repugnant to such. A few months after the A. M. E. annual conference of Middle, Tenn., met in the same city and many most guilty were loudest in denouncing the colored lawyers of the U. S. for this broad sweeping sentiment. Mr. B. T. Washington, I take it that he knows, has been severely taken to account for saying that two-thirds of the Negro preachers and race leaders generally of some Southern Sections within the scope of his (B. T. W.) knowledge are morally and intellectually unfit for their places, Too often is it the case that Negroes who are just from the penitentiary and, who have served out terms for having committed the most heinous crimes can move freely and acceptably in our best social circles. Where we try and will, our society is as good and respectable as that any nation has. The thing most of all to be regretted is that there are so few families and church officials compared with the great mass who will and do successfully combat against these social evils and immoral practices.

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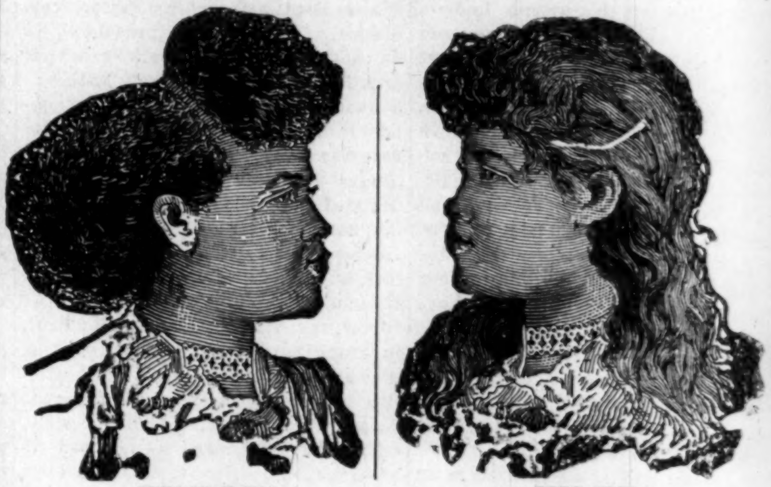

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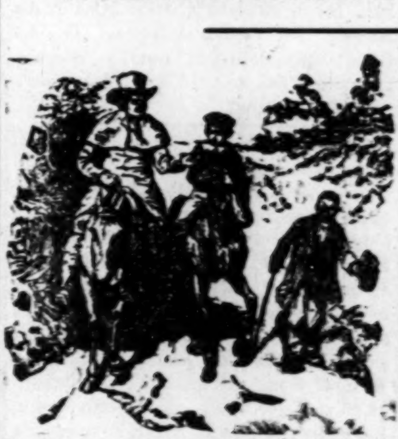

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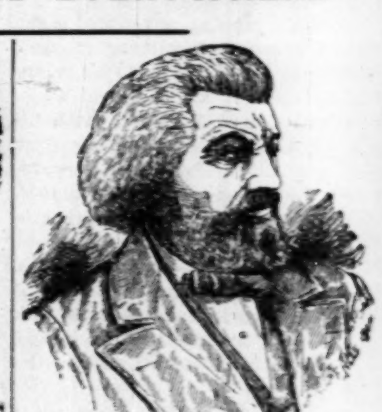

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EDITOR FREEMAN:

We write your valuable paper to let the outside world know that we are attempting everything in our power to elevate the Negro in our portion of the state, and hope through the race's best journal to arouse others. We live in Burleson county, which is one of the richest in its soil in the state of Texas. The Negro has the largest native population. The Negro owns a very fair portion of the best lands in the county, and are doing very well indeed considering the hard times.

Our common school system is very good. Our country schools will average about seven months a year. We have one of the best County Superintendents of deucation in the South. He is an accomplished gentleman and impartial in his treatment of all, regardless of race or color.

The feeling here between the races is very good. We've no large city in this county. This is purely an agricultural county. Feeling that we need to keep in line, though we are a rural people, the young men of our county, headed by Prof. R. D. Evans, who is one of our rising young teachers, issued a call for a colored man's conference, to be held on the 18th, inst. We intend for this conference to work the same good for the "Black Belt" of Texas that the Tuskegee conference is doing for Alabama. We issued a call for Burleson county for consultation. After a thorough organization we want to devise plans to work up other counties throughout the state. The meaning of the movement is organization for social, financial, religious, educational and moral improvement of our people. We intend to reach the masses.

On the 18th, ult., the people gathered in large numbers to see what we meant by a colored man's conference. At the appointed time Mr. Evans called the meeting to order. Music was furnished by the Silver Valley choir. Prayer appriate for the occasion was offered by Mr. Y. R. Ross. The people then sung the battle hymn of the Republic. We then took up the program for the day. The program was as follows:

Opening address, Prof. R. D. Evans; An address on "The need of a colored news paper," Prof. C. J. Robinson; Essay, Miss Sarah Duffy; Discussion, "The need of a colored band" Address, The acquiring of a home and its improvement," Prof. J. P. Munson, Prof. D. Porter, G, R. Allen and J. W. Clifton. The following resolutions were offered:

WHEREAS, The colored people of Burleson have reached the stage in the progress of the day that they can successfully manage their social religious enjoyments, and

WHEREAS, The opportunities for their attainment are rapidly passing away, and since we cannot hope to accomplish anything without union; therefore be it

Resolved, That this conference shall be the medium through which we shall aim to reach the end desired; that we cultivate a spirit for union among our people by uniting them in their celebrations and public gatherings, and be it further,

Resolved, That we purchase ten or more acres of land to be improved and used as a park by the colored people of Burleson county be it further

Resolved, That we encourage the young men to organize a brass brand, and since we cannot become independent while were a migatory people therefore be it

Resolved, That we urge upon every colored man to own a home and to improve the same.

We then offered for endorsement the resolutions of the Tuskegee color-conference, viz.

"TUSKEGEE RESOLUTIONS."

"The aim of this conference shall be to bring together for a quiet consultation, not the politicians, but the representatives of the common hard working farmers and mechanics—the bone and sinew of the race and ministers and teachers.

"Two objects will be kept in view: First, to find out from the people themselves, the fact as to their condition and to get their ideas as to the remedies for their present evils.

Second, to get information as to how the young men and women now being educated can best use their education in helping the masses. "We believe education, properity and practical religion, will eventfully give us every right and privilege enjoyed by other citizens, and therefore that our interest can best be served by bending all our energies to secure them rather than by dwelling on the past or by fault-finding or complaining."

We desire to make the Burleson county colored conference a guage of our progress from year to year, in the State of Texas. With regard to education, it is true that the average length of the country school is about six months. There is either no school house or a very poor one, and the teacher as a rule, is but little prepared for his work. We would suggest as remedies, the raising of money by subscription, to lengthen the school term and to provide more and better school houses. We would also urge upon our schools and colleges for training of leaders, the importance of sending more of their best men and women to the smaller towns and country districts. As regard property, we find that four-fifths of our farmers still practice the habit of mortgaging their unplanted crops for the supplies furnished them, live on rented lands, are in debt, and two-thirds live in one room cabins. As remedies we recommend the immediate purchase of land, its thorough cultivation, the raising of sufficient food for home use, that we avoid the immigration agent keep out of the cities, pay our taxes promptly, stop moving from farm to farm every year, work winters as well as summers, Saturdays as well as other days, practice every form of economy and especially the expensive and injurious habit of using liquor, tobacco and snuff, and since our interest are one with the white people among whom we live, we would urge the cultivation in every manly way of friend ship and good will toward them.

While in morals and religion we are far from what we ought to be, we yet note each year real improvement. To help us in this direction we urge a better preparation of the Christian ministry, the settlement of more of our differences out side the courts; that we draw sharp lines between the virtuous and the immoral; that we refuse to tolerate wrong doing in our leaders, especially our ministers and teachers; that we treat our women with more respect and urge upon them the necessity of giving more time to their home life, and less to gossip and public places.

We were well pleased to note the interest taken in the matter under discussion and believe that the movement will work much good in the county. The leaders in this work intend to push it for all it is worth to accomplish much for our people in the near future. The resolutions as offered and recommended were heartly received. The president's opening address was pointed and well prepared. The meeting adjourned to meet on the 15th, of Sept, 1894. At this time we will fix our annual meeting and begin work in earnest. Dan. B. Dabney, Levi Williams and G. R. W. Allen, Executive Committee Colored Men's Conference.

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Resolutions of Respect.

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WHEREAS, He was a faithful, interested, and devout member of Simpson M. E. Chapel Sunday School and Junior League, a faithful, obedient, and industrious boy at home and

WHEREAS, In death our school has lost a worthy and faithful member, his parents a loving and dutiful son, his brothers a devoted and his associates an affectionate companion, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as pupils of the Sunday school and as members of the Junior Leage, will cherish his memory and emulate his example and prepare to meet him beyond this vale of tears where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary be at rest, where the prisoners rest together and hear not the voice of the oppressor, where the great and small are and the servant is free from lord and where there is no darkness nor tears, and be it further

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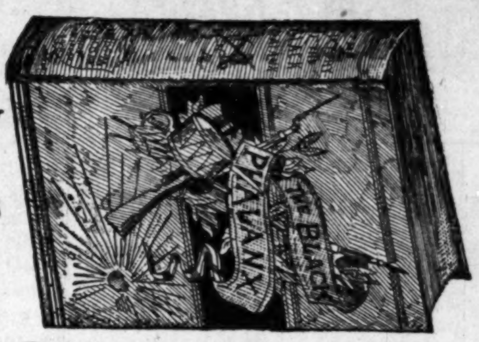

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Mrs. J. H. Ballard is visiting friends at Jeffersonville.

The Freeman is on sale at the Bates house news stand.

The uniform ranks of the K. of P. are advancing rapidly.

Miss Ada Modock is the guest of Mrs. Davis on Alvoid street.

Rev. W. W. Clark, of Noblesville, Ind., was in the city this week.

Joseph Johnston, No. 403 W. 3rd street is down with a heavy cold.

Mr. Daniel Seals, of California, passed through the city this week.

Miss Arlonia Brown is confined to her residence No. 45 N. Cal. street.

A grand rally at New Bethel Baptist church will come off to-morrow.

Prof. Wm. H. Furniss is at Washington, D. C., spending his vacation.

Mr. T. H. Harris, of Dwight, Ill., was in the city this week on business.

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Communion services were held at Corinthian Baptist church on last Sabbath.

The Phillis Wheatley club met at the 9th Presbyterian church on last Monday evening.

Miss Nellie Glenn, of the Lake City, is the guest of Miss Estella Francis, 348 West Second street.

The Young people's Christian Endeavor society elected officers on last Monday night at Bethel church.

Miss Anna Bryant has returned home after a pleasant sojourn among relatives and friends at cincinnati.

Miss Ethel Nance is being entertained by her aunt, Mrs. Mariah Baker, No. 4076 Armour Avenue, Chicago.

Mr. Frank Duerson, 129½ Indiana Avenue, suffered a severe attack of pleuersey the past week. Convalescing.

The Emancipation Proclamation will be celebrated at Simpson Chapel on the 24th inst. with appropriate exercises.

Mrs. B. F. Howard returned to her home in Covington, Ky., last Saturday after a pleasant stay of a week in our city.

Sacramental services were held at Simpson chapel on last Sunday. Rev. Thep. Price preached the sacramental sermon at 3 p. m.

The A. M. E. Zion conference will convene at St. Louis on next Wednesday morning at 9 a. m. Bishop A. E. Waters will preside.

The many friends of George Goins the tonsorialist, will be glad to learn that he has recovered sufficiently so as to be on street again.

Rev. Bunch and J. P. Thompson will leave this city on next Tuesday afternoon for St. Louis in order to attend the opening of the conference.

Mrs. Nancy Woodard Steward, who has been visiting Mrs. H. E. Boone, of Dayton, Ohio, passed through the city this week, enroute to her home in Noblesville, Ind.

Rev. B. Stone, of Noblesville, passed through here last week enroute home from the Baptist Association, which convened at Rockport, Ind. He also attended the one in session at Owensboro, Ky.

Prof. R B. Curry, of Delaware, O., will deliver a grand lecture under the auspices of the Samaritan lodge on Tuesday eveding the 11th inst., at the Bethel A. M. E. church tent on west North street.

The Baptists ministers, teachers and superintendents of their Sunday schools met at the Second Baptist church Thursday and organized a Sunday School Union. A lecture course will be established and lecturers of national prominence will be engaged.

Personal Mention.

E. J. Smoot Esq., of Cincinnati, is spending some days in the city a guest of his brother on North California street.

Coming Celebration at Simpson Chapel.

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REV. L. M. HAGOOD

Presided, and in his opening remarks said among other things the cultured, humane white people of the North and South, and the intelligent colored people are taking up the work begun by Miss Wells. He had spent many years in the South, and could testify to the truthfulness of what had been said and printed of the outrages on the Negro. He asked all in the audience who had been born in the South, and who knew from their own observance and experience that the reported outrages were true, to hold up their hands. Many responded.

REV. J. W. CARR

Said he would personally contribute $100 before he would see the present movement fail for want of financial support. He belived that the Indianapolis public should be aroused to such an extent that no hall in the city would hold those in sympathy and support of the noble work begun by Miss Wells.

DR. SUMNER FURNISS

Said he had long wondered at the submission of the colored people of the South and that the low whites had been permitted to persecute and kill the Negro, and go forth again unmolested to re-commit the outrages. He was glad it was a women who had at last called a halt, and that that woman was a negress, and that the race had roused up to help free itself from the tyranny of the brutal element of the white South.

ROBERT B BAGBY

Said there was not a more patient people under suffering on the earth than the colored race. There was absolutely no excuse for the lynchings and burnings of the Negroes of the South. There was not a judge or a court in the South that was not of the dominant race, and there was not a shadow of a chance of a Negro escaping punishment for a crime if there was a scintilla of evidence against him. About ten years ago, the speaker said, he thought of moving to the South. but was advised against it by Robert Small, Congressman from South Carolina, who said to him: "The South hates an educated Negro. The harder he tries to build himself up the greater the envy and opposition of the whites. They fear he is becoming their equal, and they bar his way upward at every step. It is a great risk for him to try to fit himself for the highest duties of citizenship." The speaker was proud of Indianapolis and the opportunities afforded colored people in this city. He deprecated the passive submission of the Negro of the South, and insisted that were he there he would use a Winchester every time his home was invaded or his wife or children insulted.

REV. E B. MARTIN

Said he was "born in hell and knew all about it." He had spent years in Mississippi and Arkansas, and he knew all about the treatment of the Negro. He had known a colored blacksmith who had succeeded in building up a good business, but as soon as his prosperity became evident the white people would not even allow him to speak to them in an effort to collect his bills against them He said the colored people had spent $3,000 for fares to Chicago on Saturday, and he asked them to raise a little $500 toward alleviating the burdens of their brethren in the South.

P. E. B L. GILLIAM

Said: "If public sentiment were not aroused against this villiany it would not be long before such scenes might be enacted even in Indianapolis. It was within the last year that a negro was strung to an electric light pole in Decatur, Ill, and that an attempt was made to lynch three negroes in Cincinnati. He asserted that their were even towns in Indiana where the citizens would not allow a negro to stop. It was time for the negro to assert his rights. During his absense a white brute had insulted his wife. When he returned home and heard of it he kissed his wife and children good bye, got a gun, and as he entered one end of the town where the brute lived, the brute went out at the other, and as far as he knew, had never returned."

Short, but eloquent speeches were also made by Rev J. M. Morton, Mrs. Lillian Thomas Fox, Mrs. Dr. Perry, Chas. A. Webb, Mrs. J. T. V. Hill, and Madame Landonia Williams. A previous meeting of the Executive Committee of the League had been held last week at the Second Baptist church. The meeting held at the same church last night will be reported fully in our next issue.

Trustee's Elected.

At the Annual election of Trustees for Bethel A. M. E. church held, night of August 30th, the following were selected: J. E. Porter, H. L. Saunders, John Allen, B. F. Wade, Allen Jackson, Edward Harris, J. A. Puryear, Don D. Wells, Willis Kersey. The board then oaganized Don D. Wells, Sec.; J. M. Porter, Treas.

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A Summer's Night Surprise and Repast.

Was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Duerson, 129½ Indiana Ave., in honor of Mr. W. M. Page. It was attended by their many friends. It was a grand affair. Menu: Ham sandwiches, salmon salid, claret punch, ice cream, American cheese, black coffee. Music by Jubilee Quartett. The guests: Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Miss M. Johnson, Miss Parker, C. Smith, R. Moody, E. Clenon, Miss M. Owsley, R. Lemmon, W. Rice, C. Boyd, Miss Ross, W. Breedlove, Mrs. V. Cook, A. Harris, J. Palmer, J. Smith, Miss L. Lemont, R. Taylor, Miss B. Lemont, A. Stewart, W. M. Smith, G. Washington, F. Price, C. Scott, W. Dickson.

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Prof. J. C. McAdams went to Nashville, Tenn., last week on business. His child is very sick. James Gilliland's baby died last week Tom Porter is putting in a rock foundation. Gilliland, Crawford Thompson and Singleton are getting up sand stone for the front. Miss Annie Allen is back from the Springs. Miss Belle Greer came back from the Springs very much improved. Miss Tennie Gaunt is back from the Springs, after a long stay. The young men are glad. Miss Maggie Stubbs made a flying visit to the city on the 1st. She is well pleased with her school. Miss Annie Davis was in the city on the 1st, inst. The Misses Maggie and L. A. Sandles, Mrs. L. C. Ransom and John Myres, paid your representative a call at the store and partook of watermelon to their satisfaction. Come again ladies and gents. W. M. Calwell's wife and child are on the sick list. Mrs. Harriet McKinney is much better. We are proud. Prof. E. L. Peacock, S. C. Rainer, Ed. Manson and R. P. Purdy were in the city on the 1st. Dr. O. S. Thompson is on the sick list. We are sorry. Judge Tillman is very sick. We are sorry. Acting Judge W. M. B. Bates made a good Judge for this term of the circuit court. He merited the praise of every member of the bar. His ruling in some very important cases was as precise as if he had been on the bench for twenty-five years. Rev. Merit, of Nashville, Tenn., preached at the Mt. Zion Baptist church on the 2d. Rev. J. A. Jones and G. W. Hemphill and their wives were out for a pleasant evening drive Rev. F. M. Stamps, of Nashville, is in the city. The Freeman is a true guide for the race, first, last and all the time. It leaves no stone unturned for the interest of the race; it brings news from all parts of the world and presents it as it is. She will not bite her tongue when the news comes to The Freeman of the mistreatment of the race. In some it nerves her with tenfold courage. She will not down until the race's consecrated rights are won. Get The Freeman at W. H, Gosling's store.

The last quarterly conference of the conference year was held at the A. M. E. Church last Sabbath, Rev. G. L. Jackson, P. E., presiding. The collections were not up to the average. This fact moved Presiding Elder Jackson to severely reprimand the pastor, Rev. J. A. Jones, for not having his assessment ready. The church is almost unanimously down on Elder Jackson because of the zeal he manifests for his money and the lack of zeal shown for souls. Such men do the cause of Christ no good and a great deal of harm. A great many people are beginning to think that the presiding elder system in the A. M. E. Church is becoming a burden and could be profitably dispensed with. Rev. Jones is an able and Christian gentleman, and labors constantly to elevate the people morally and intellectually. Because he had not given cake walks and hops to raise the P. E. assessment, he was told that he had not done his duty, and that he did not know it all, etc. Rev. Jones replied in a fitting and cutting manner, and the audience showed its sympathy with him so plainly that Rev. Jackson must have felt that he struck the wrong man. Would that we had more men like Elder Jones and Dr. Henderson.

J. C. McAdams, Esq., leaves next week for Nashville, where he will practice law in partnership with Hon. S. A McAlwee. The firm of McAlwee & McAdams will make a strong legal team, and will doubtless do credit to the race. Rev. G. W. Hemphill has resigned the pastorate of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. The colored people of this community have purchased a burying ground and will dedicate the same on the 29th inst. with appropriate ceremonies. The purchase was resolved upon because of unjust exactions made by the city authorities. They now have a place where their rights there will be none to dispute, and where they will be monarchs of all they survey.

The mercantile establishment of Ransom & Patterson is meeting with success. The colored agricultural fair occurs next week. Some valuable premiums are offered.

Schools Opened—Masonic Celebration.

Wilmington, Del., Special.

The public schools opened last Monday with a large number of new applicants. Most of the former teachers have same position. Prof. W. L. Linsay, the musical wonder, is meeting excellent success in this city and section. He has had a number of engagements in this city with large and enthusiastic audiences. Last week he gave a concert in Chester, Pa., to a crowded house and returned to this city on Thursday and appeared in Haven M. E. church on the evening of the same day and drew a large audience. A man that can play five instruments at one time is a mystery. Miss Hettie Robinson and her mother of Philadelphia is visiting Mr. William Robinson and wife in this city. Mt. Joy M. E. church is celebrating its anniversary. Sunday was a delightful day with them Rev. Hooper Jolley preached an excellent sermon.

Miss Sadie Stevens gave a recitation at the Murray Lyceum, Friday evening 31st inst. Morris Spence has returned home from a few days' visit to Atlantic City, N. J. The Harvest Home, given by Haven M. E. church last week was a grand affair. Mr. Elias Tilghman Jr., of New York City, is visiting his relatives and friends in this city. The consistory of A. F. and M. Masons of Philadelphia gave a grand demonstration at Rosendale Park, Thursday the 30th inst., which was a pleasant affair, Rev. W. H. Herd D. D. will deliver a lecture in Union A. M. E. church, Sept. 21st. Mr. C. H. Grant has returned home from Cape May where he has spent the season. The quarterly conference at E. Zion M. E. church takes place Sept. 17th. Miss L. C. Johnson returned; she speaks of having a very pleasant time. John Coursey, corner of 11th and Chippey, who has had an operation performed is now able to go about. Rev. P. O. Connell Ph. D, visited our city last week. A number of the letter carriers are off on a vacation. Among them are, A. C Sterling, who is spending his vacation at Atlantic City, N. J The annual convention of the G. U. O of True Reformers will convene in Vickburg, Va. and the delegates to represent Wilmington are A. P. Hendly, Mary Dorman, A. M. Hooper, Dr. A C. Stevens, E. D. Clark, Bayard Jackson, W. H. Caldwell, and Amanda Sterling. The name of the delegate of the Brandywine Fountain I could not secure. Too many good things cannot be said about this organization. Just the short time that it has been in this city an immense amount of money has been banked and there is a committee out to secure a hall.

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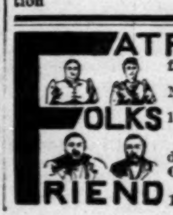

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